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WOMEN, WINE AND JOYRIDING

Bring Grief to Gay Party
of Married Men Near
Fort Worth

TWO OF PARTY DEAD

L. F. Calkins, iron broker, with offices in the Western National bank building, may face charges of negligent homicide as the result of the Friday morning joy ride on the Birdville road that ended in the lifeless body of Joe Edwards being brought home to his wife who had sat up patiently waiting for his return until 4 o'clock. County officers were busy investigating the accident that occurred at 1:15 a. m. when the car went over the stone culvert over Dry Branch.

R. T. Reeder, another of the six passengers in the car, died at Johnson's sanitarium. Calkins was not seriously injured.

With the three men were Mrs. Alsty, 309 West First street, died just a week ago from her husband; Mrs. Dot Jackson, 310 Calhoun street, and Miss Ida Lee, 817 Granger street. Mrs. Jackson is the most seriously injured of the women, her head having been broken. Mrs. Ely's head wounds and a badly injured arm. Miss Lee has a broken arm. According to the women of the party, the trip was a thrilling joy ride, from its start to its fatal ending. Leaving about 9 o'clock, a stop was made on Main street after going to the south side for Miss Lee and two dozen bottles of beer were obtained. Even before this the women had become alarmed at the driving and Mrs. Ely says the car almost turned over near the Texas & Pacific station as they came from the south side and went up Commerce street before turning back to Main for the beer, she said. "He would run close to telephone poles and things. I have been with reckless drivers before, but this was the most reckless I ever rode with. All of us said that and came upon the driving. Coming from the 'Dutchman's' we ran into a ditch once. He would drive with one hand and part of the time he had his arm around the girl riding in front with him. He would turn around to us and ask for a Home Run cigarette." When the accident occurred Mrs. Ely cannot remember. —Worth Star Telegram.

Will Bring Suit.

you son & ss, who came in contact with a train up the road last night in the city this week. B. C. King with the assistance of a group of lost part of his car, was his effort to board a car. "Bill had been pulling corn a farmer in the Sunset community when he decided to come to Decatur business. Leaving the corn he went to the railroad track and awaited the arrival of a freight car. A few minutes a freight car and "Bill" made the sign to the man, which signified that he wanted to board the train. The man gave his consent and "Bill" climbed at an iron ladder car of the car. His hold fell so near the track that the wheel mashed off part of his leg and he crawled several hundred yards to a farmer's house where he was given him. For two days he was confined to his room and he visited to Decatur. While he was suffering from his injuries, he signed a contract with the railway company, and the company now he is seeking compensation for his injuries, and his family have been

DIAPHANOUS COMFORT.



—Tuthill in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

CONGRESSMAN WIRES ABOUT P. O. CONTEST

Stephens Telegraphs Reply to Wise
County Messenger's Question
Concerning Election

The Messenger wired Congressman John H. Stephens Wednesday night for information concerning the contest for the Decatur postmastership. So many different reports as to "who was who" in the running should the matter be submitted to a vote, prompted Decatur's leading publication to get facts from the "powers that be."

"Washington, D. C., August 28.—Wise County Messenger, Decatur, Texas. Primary will be held under rules of state primary law; only Democrats eligible as voters or candidates. Democrats in Decatur voting precinct only eligible to vote under state primary law. Please publish. Letter follows. JOHN H. STEPHENS."

DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL OPENS JAN. 1

To the Patrons of Decatur Public School:—

The new school house will be built this fall. School will open the 1st of January. There will be private pay schools in town for all grades up to and including the sixth. The Baptist college will take all grades above the sixth until Christmas. We will have seven months free school, beginning Jan. 5, and closing July 13. We will do a full year's work in this time. All pupils who attend this seven months and who make the required average will be promoted to the next grade just the same as if we should have nine months; it is therefore not necessary that anyone attend a private school or the college, but we hope all who can will attend these schools during the fall.

We regret as much as anyone the frequent delays in building. Many of them were unexpected; all were inevitable or unavoidable. No one except the board and the writer knows anything whatever of the many problems that had to be solved, and the continued, persistent effort of the board in meeting them—while the public talked the school board worked and said nothing. With full appreciation and due respect to the many towns of our county which have new school build-

ings Decatur will surpass them all. There is but one school building north of Fort Worth, the Canyon City Normal, that compares with this one in beauty and symmetry of form, and only two in the state, one in Fort Worth and one in San Antonio, that compare with it in heat, light, ventilation and modern equipment throughout. Sometimes it pays to take time.

In answer to last week's inquiry by the Messenger, no teacher nor superintendent either will receive pay except for the time he works. They knew the conditions when applying; if any of them lose their time it is due to choice, indolence or lack of business ability, for there is plenty doing in "Wonderful Wise." The state funds can be used only for paying teachers and for taking census, but the local funds may be used for any school purposes. For years the board has been forced to borrow money in the fall to pay teachers; this delay will enable them to pay without discounting or borrowing.

We hope this will be satisfactory to the public. We are serving the people to the best of our ability, making the fastest progress possible under existing circumstances.

H. W. BARTON, Supt.

DECATUR UNION HAS BIG MEETING

Carpenters Give Smoker to
Members of Local Order and Friends

ROGERS MAKES A TALK

Decatur's carpenter's union, No. 1611, held a rousing meeting in the county courtroom Friday night. Splendid speeches were made and good cigars were given all present. Hon. Tom McMurray was elected as presiding officer of the gathering and the manner in which he dispatched the proceeding was both pleasing and profitable to the crowd. Hon. A. D. Rogers, local representative in the Texas legislature, was called on for a speech. Mr. Rogers responded with a good, sound talk, in which he stated that his record in the legislature was an open book and his efforts to better the conditions of the working man were known to all. No worthy movement of the laborer's union had ever failed to get his support, and today he stood four-square for the honest, intelligent laborers of the country and his time was at their call whenever he could be of any assistance to them in their efforts to make their surroundings better. The remarks of Mr. Rogers were roundly cheered.

Mr. Woodford, editor of a Fort Worth labor journal, followed Mr. Rogers. His talk was full of meat and if the advice he gave is taken, the Decatur union will prosper and draw about it the hearty sympathy and support of all our right thinking people. Honest work and fair and square dealings on the part of the employee, competency and industry were the tellings points in Mr. Woodford's address. He paid a splendid tribute to Mr. Rogers as a friend of labor organizations.

Other Fort Worth men spoke, the last one being Bob Speer, former citizen of this county. These gentlemen extended a hearty invitation to members of the Decatur union to attend the big celebration in Fort Worth on Labor Day.

Hugh Spencer Married

Mr. Hugh Spencer and Miss Lillie Pierce were married last Friday afternoon in Memphis, Texas, at the home of the bride. This announcement will be a big surprise to the hundreds of Hugh D's friends in Decatur and Wise county, but Dan Cupid got busy with this old Decatur boy and completely knocked into smithereens the bachelor bulwark set up by him. The bride is said to be a most charming young lady and a member of one of Hall county's well-to-do and influential families. Hugh Spencer is too well known by our citizens to need any "introduction" at the hands of the Messenger; we all know him to be a man in every meaning of the word; intelligent, honest, clean of character and as true to his friends as rip saw steel. The Messenger joins the numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. in wishing them the biggest, best and brightest realizations of their pleasant dreams and hopes.

Dies Suddenly

Mr. J. C. C. Miller of Martin, Ga., died very suddenly last Friday at the home of T. C. Bridges, just west of Decatur. Mr. Miller was here on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Bridges, and on Friday he, in company with the Bridges boys, was out hunting. The boys had gone out in front and were some distance ahead of their uncle, and when he failed to come up with them, they went back to find him. Mr. Martin was found lying on the ground, dead, where he had expired only a few seconds before. The gentlemen's death was a great shock to his relatives, as he was seemingly in the best of health the morning of his death. The body was shipped to Martin, Ga., the home of deceased, for interment.

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DEATH REVEALS LOVE TRAGEDY

Pretty Trained Nurse Accused
of Causing Doctor's Death.

ROMANCE OF JEALOUS LOVE

Miss Emma E. Krill Accused of Administering Poison to Dr. Stanley E. Kron, Young Italian Physician—She Denies That She Caused His Death.

Utica, N. Y.—The love tragedy of two young lives may be bared as a warning to other girls by developments which are expected to follow the mysterious death of Dr. Stanley E. Kron, a handsome young Italian physician, and the subsequent accusation against Miss Emma E. Krill, an attractive trained nurse, employed at the same hospital with the doctor. Was this strange death the result of a drug administered by the nurse? Was it a case of suicide? Or was it a case of accidental poison? These are the three leading questions, one of which will have to be accepted as the solution by the authorities.

After taking poison is a manner which has not been yet explained, the physician died without making any statement. His alleged fiancée was suspected from the first, as she was alone in the room with the doctor when he took the drug. She is staunch in the statement that she was summoned to the bedside of the physician and on her arrival found him suffering greatly. He ordered some medicine, she continues in her explanation, and, thinking it would relieve his sufferings, she obtained it and prepared a



DR. KRON AND MISS KRILL, ACCUSED NURSE.

dose under his directions. Death resulted shortly afterward. The doctor never regained consciousness.

That Miss Krill was not married to the doctor and that she left one hospital in New York city and entered the institution here in order to be with him are facts the state was quick to show when the accusation was first made. As a probable motive for the crime the prosecution alleges that Miss Krill feared that Dr. Kron was about to return to Europe and leave her alone in America and in order to prevent this she caused his death.

"It is true they were not married," the attorney for the defense is quoted, "but they were to have been married, and both were looking forward to the event with particular happiness. After marriage they were going to live in Europe." For some reason which has not been made known the marriage did not occur as, it is said, had been planned. The attorney also denied rumors to the effect that poison had been found in the young girl's hand bag.

Facts that tend to strengthen the theory of suicide and others that seem to indicate that murder had been committed were gradually added to the chain of evidence gathered by the state, all emphasizing the story of love, hate, romance and jealousy.

The intense love and passionate affection borne by Miss Krill for the young Italian physician led her to guard him jealously and caused her to become involved in trouble with several other young girls of the doctor's nationality in this city when he endeavored to see them.

Smothered to Death in Bed.
Middletown, N. Y.—Miss Martha Fall of New York city, a patient at the state hospital here, was smothered to death in the pillows of her bed. She was subject to epileptic fits and in a convulsion buried her head in the pillows.

ULIVI THREAT TO END WAR.

Says His Rays Explode Submarine Mines Fifteen Miles Away.

Paris.—In an interview in reference to his invention by means of which he says he is able to fire explosives many miles distant by the employment of infra-red rays, the Italian Ulivi asserts that he has succeeded in exploding a submarine mine fifteen miles distant from the yacht on which he was experimenting near Havre.

Ulivi declined absolutely to give details of his apparatus or results of the tests carried out in the presence of high officials of the French army and navy. He is said to be about to leave Havre, where there is too much danger for others. "It is certain," he says, "that if the infra-red rays struck a ship carrying explosives they would cause a disaster."

It is said that the rays will put an end to all warfare if they are able to do what the inventor says they can.

FIGHTING CATTLE TICK.

Tennessee to Be First Southern State Freed From Quarantine.

Washington.—The presence of the tick among cattle in the southern states lessens the value of cattle on the hoof and causes a lower grading of hides, which means to the producer a loss of many thousands of dollars, says a department of agriculture report on the ravages of the pest.

Experts asserted that southern cattle raisers lose \$1.25 on every hide infested with the tick. Campaigns to eradicate the pest have been waged with considerable success by means of chemical dusts and insecticides. The disease probably will be the first state to be entirely free from the quinine tick, which already has been eradicated in fifty-one counties.

Cattle raisers have spent less than 50 cents per head in the campaign in Tennessee, while they have gained about \$7 per head thereby.

A bad taste in the mouth comes from a disordered stomach, and back of that is usually a torpid liver. A condition which invites disease. Herbine is the remedy needed. It corrects the stomach and makes the liver active and regular. Price 50c. Sold by MAN & SIMMONS.

KEYS AS THEY TURN.

Most of Them Unlocked by Twisting Them to the Right.

"You would be amazed," said Professor Lookabout informally, as he started to unlock his desk in preparation for the morning's classwork, "to know how many persons are unable to tell offhand which way a key turns. Only the other day, in a chat with one of the best informed men of my acquaintance, I was astonished to learn that he believed most keys turned to the left to unlock their locks. He was trying to open a typewriter desk, and he struggled with the key several moments before he made the astounding discovery that it unlocked by turning to the right."

"Why," he said to me, with a surprised air, "this key works the wrong way."

"Just what do you mean by 'the wrong way'?" was my natural query.

"It unlocks to the right," he replied.

"So do most keys," I told him, whereupon he glanced at me skeptically. It took me several minutes to convince him that, as usual, I was right. The fact is that, whereas door keys unlock to the left perhaps as often as to the right, depending on which side of the door you face, the key to almost anything except a door is pretty sure to turn to the right to unfasten the lid or drawer or roller apron which it secures. A little observation is all one requires to prove the truth of this. It's one of the little things which once in a while may be well worth knowing."

And the professor absentmindedly tried to unlock his desk by turning the key to the left.—New York Times

Simplified Spelling.

Lovers of simplified spelling should make a pilgrimage to Nevendon, in Essex, where the church wardens' accounts in the eighteenth century were quite delightfully phonetic. Under the date 1742 occurs the entry: "Gave Geokup Kollins for his gall too shellins and six pens. Also his close for the insewing yere." The mysterious word "gall" seems to signify the girl or daughter of "Geokup Kollins." And some of us who have drunk the cup of feminine militancy to the dregs may accept gall as the right spelling.—London Mail

Poetry and Pay.

Poetry, it is declared, is about the worst paid form of writing. That may be true, regarded from the standpoint of dollars and cents, but the man who can get a poem out of his system should feel that he is pretty well paid for his effort.—Toledo Blade

One Use For It.

"I suppose classical music is all right in its place," said Maude.

"I'm sure it is," replied Mamie. "I don't care to listen to it myself, but sometimes you have to play it in order to get a man to go home."—Washington Star

On Occasions.

"Are you superstitious about thirteen at table?" asked Mrs. Hickenlooper.

"I am when there's hardly enough food for twelve," said Mrs. Giddybody.—Magazine of Fun

He is, in my opinion, the noblest who has raised himself by his own merit to a higher station.—Cicero.

BASEBALL PITCHER SAVES BOY'S LIFE.

Sends Gift and Good Wishes to Sick Youth in Washington.

Washington.—Warren A. Slee, thirteen years old, owes his life to a letter and a baseball from his idol, Walter Johnson, pitcher of the Washington baseball team.

Ever since Warren has been old enough to go to baseball games he has looked with awe on Walter Johnson.

Several weeks ago he became ill with appendicitis, and an operation was necessary. Physicians said they did not think he would recover. The boy was delirious part of the time and talked incoherently about Walter Johnson. When the team came back from its western trip a member of the Slee family told Mr. Johnson of the situation.

Physicians said they could not permit the pitcher to see the boy for fear the excitement would be fatal. So the pitcher sent a letter and a baseball used in one of his victorious games in the west. Here is the letter:

My Dear Warren—I take pleasure in sending you herewith one of the baseballs used on our western trip and hope that you will soon have the opportunity of using it with your friends.

There was a change for the better at once, and Warren will be able to leave the hospital soon. When he does he intends to go to Mr. Johnson's hotel to thank him.

CAT RETURNS CANARY.

Bird Flies Away, and Feline Turns Sleuth and Returns It.

Reading, Pa.—While Mrs. Franklin Woods of Denver township was cleaning her canary bird's cage the canary flew away. The family cat then seemed disconsolate.

That night the cat disappeared and nothing was seen of either of the household pets until four days later, when the cat came back. Tenderly holding the missing bird by a wing, pussy delivered her burden to Mr. Woods. His wife at once restored it to its cage. There was not a scratch on the bird. Mr. Woods believes the cat went out in search of the missing canary and, when he heard its song, captured it.

HAS THIRD SET OF TEETH.

Cat Near Death, When Diet Wrought Marvelous Change.

Huntingdon, Pa.—Dr. C. W. Fox of Rearing Springs is the possessor of a cat that has its third set of teeth. Some time ago the cat became weak and thin, and as it was seventeen years old it was expected to die.

Finding that the cat was toothless, the physician ordered ground steak for his old pet, and soon a change for the better was noted. Now the animal is fat and sleek, and its fur is thick and glossy. Upon examination it was found that it had grown its third set of teeth.

Unearths Mastodon's Tusk.

Harriman, N. Y.—While digging in a swamp on his farm near here W. J. Post unearthed the tusk of a mastodon, which is said to be one of the largest ever found. Mr. Post expects to find other portions of the skeleton in the vicinity. The tusk measured five feet and four inches in length and fifteen inches in circumference.

Stings or bites of insects that are followed by swellings, pain or itching should be treated promptly as they are poisonous. Ballard's Snow Liniment counteracts the poison. It is antiseptic and healing. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by MAN & SIMMONS.

Guessing His Gait.

"I never worry or hurry."

"What department of government service are you in?"—Buffalo Express

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Presence of Mind.

"Yes," mused the returned arctic explorer, "at one time we came within an inch of freezing to death. Luckily, however—"

He gazed reflectively at the ceiling.

"We had the presence of mind to fall into a heated discussion."

Beautiful Women

Nothing adds more to the beauty of women than luxuriant hair. The regular use of Meritol Hair Tonic will keep the hair healthy, promote its growth, keep it clean and bright, and gives it that wavy appearance so much admired. C. B. GUNN, sole agent.

He Traveled.

The Bore—I wish I had money. I'd travel. She—How much do you need?—Judge.

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There are two things everlastingly at war, joy and piles. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve will banish piles in any form. It soon subdues the itching, irritation, inflammation or swelling. It gives comfort, invites joy. Great healer of burns, boils, ulcers, cuts, bruises, eczema, scalds, pimples, skin eruptions. Only 25 cts. at FULLINGIM & FORD'S.

REFLECTIONS ON MAN.

Our days begin with trouble here.

Our life is but a sign.
And cruel death is always near.
So frail a thing is man.
—New England Primer

Remember that man's life is all within the present, as I have said, but a hair's breadth of time; as for the past, the past is gone, the future yet unseen. Short, therefore, is man's life, and narrow is the corner of the earth wherein he dwells.—Marcus Aurelius

If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life he will soon find himself left alone. A man, sir, should keep his friendship in a constant repair.—Samuel Johnson

Men fear death as children fear to go in the dark, and, as that natural fear in children is increased with tales, so is the other.—Francis Bacon.

Indian Killed on Track.

Near Rochelle, Ill., an Indian went to sleep on a railroad track and was killed by the fast express. He paid for his carelessness with his life. Often it's that way when people neglect coughs and colds. Don't risk your life when prompt use of Dr. King's New Discovery will cure them and so prevent a dangerous throat and lung trouble. "It completely cured me, in a short time, of a terrible cough that followed a severe attack of grip," writes J. R. Watts, Floydada, Tex., "and I regained 15 pounds in weight that I had lost." Quick, safe, reliable and guaranteed. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at FULLINGIM & FORD'S.

CALIFORNIA'S LAND LAW.

California's attitude in the Japanese land matter was necessary, wise, just and for the best interests of the country. If the legislature had failed to act as previous pledged legislatures and, there is no telling what violence and bloodshed might have resulted to stir up a really serious international episode. I believe that before many years the whites of Hawaii will petition congress to annul their right to vote and grant government by a commission sent from Washington, simply because native born Japanese will outnumber and outvote them. California has learned her lessons from Hawaii.—Rudolph Spreckels

Flying Men Fall

climbs to stomach, liver and kidney troubles just like other people, with like results in loss of appetite, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel that way. T. D. Peebles, Henry, Tenn., proved. "Six bottles of Electric Bitter," he writes, "did more to give me new strength and good appetite than all other stomach remedies I used." So they help everybody. It's folly to suffer when this great remedy will help you from the first dose. Try it. Only 50 cts. at FULLINGIM & FORD'S.

"They treated me so handsomely at the farewell banquet last night," said Mr. Barnes Termer, "that I assured them I would come back very soon."

"Yes," said Mr. Peppery, "so Critick told me. But he said otherwise the affair was very pleasant."—Stray Stories

The Trials of a Traveler.

"I am a traveling salesman," writes E. E. Youngs, E. Berkshire, Vt., "and was often troubled with constipation and indigestion till I began to use Dr. King's New Life Pills, which I have found an excellent remedy." For all stomach, liver or kidney troubles they are unequalled. Only 25 cents at FULLINGIM & FORD'S.

Chinese Cooking.

Chinese cooking is either stewing or boiling, and a kettle answers all possible purposes. In the Chinese houses a very thin cast iron kettle is placed over the fire, and everything which the family eats is cooked therein.

If you sit in a cold draft when you are heated and get a stiff neck or lame back, you will be looking for something that will ease the pain. Fix your mind on Ballard's Snow Liniment and don't be talked out of it because it is the best pain relieving liniment you can get anywhere. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by MAN & SIMMONS.

Very Receptive.

"Did Emily enjoy her trip abroad?"

"She says she did."

"Emily has such a receptive mind."

"Are you sure it is her mind?" All she talks about is what she had to eat."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Causes of deafness are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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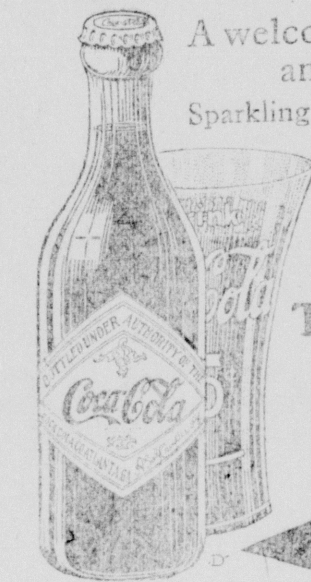
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The New Reliable Agency

BOYD & MASON
Decatur, Texas

The Messenger.

NEW DENVER SCHEDULE

Arrive at Decatur
SOUTH BOUND NORTH BOUND
No. 8—5:40 a.m. No. 3—9:38 a.m.
No. 2—4:28 p.m. No. 1—11:20 a.m.
No. 4—3:17 p.m. No. 7—12:45 p.m.

News of Town and County

LIGHT CRUST.

SHAW BROS. ICE CREAM.

The two-year-old baby girl of Mr.
and Mrs. Walter Mowery died at the
family home in the Lone Star com-
munity on Thursday of last week.

We have about a dozen light weight
suits that formerly sold for \$10 to \$15.
To close them out we will sell them
from \$3.50 to \$6.50. These are genuine
bargains. Saunders, Moore & Smith.

Mrs. G. W. Mullins of New York
city, is visiting her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. J. G. Provance.

Prof. Harley Burton leaves this
week for Scranton, where he has ac-
cepted the principalship of the high
school.

Does to fit every man at Greer's.

J. L. Gentry has been quite
ill several weeks, but is improv-

Residence of Pete Evans in
North Decatur was destroyed by fire
Saturday morning about 2 o'clock.
The house was in flames before the
family awoke, and none of the house-
hold goods were saved. The cause of
the fire is unknown. \$650 insurance
carried on house and furniture.

Give us your laundry and we will
give you guaranteed satisfaction.
Dickson & Smith.

Will Taylor was in Chico this week.

B. Conley, superintendent of
the grounds and buildings, of
the city, was here first of the week on
a visit to relatives.

Shaw Bros. ice cream, the delicious
one for your party picnic or recep-
tion. At the San la Roy.

Bird Rosser, after several
visits here with friends, returned
home in Henrietta.

By your vendors lien
loans on your land.
Loan & Abstract Co.

was here from Al-
Monday.

and wife were here
on Sunday, visiting

on the hot summer
bread, cakes and
Bakery—fresh

was visiting in

representing the
city Tuesday.

the Odd Colony
at Lillard &
out.

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Miss Myr-
Worth first

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Mrs. Will Helm visited in Fort
Worth this week.

New line of up-to-date hats at
Saunders, Moore & Smith's.

Mrs. Golden, who has been the
guest of Mrs. T. H. Greer, has re-
turned to her home in Ballinger.

Please settle your laundry bills be-
fore you forget. Dickson & Smith.

One-fourth off on all our refriger-
ators. Take advantage of this. LIL-
LARD & CO.

Will Terrell has returned from
the St. Louis markets, where he pur-
chased new goods for the Mississippi
store.

It's always, Alta Vista with the
wise ones. You get it at the City
Bakery.

Most complete line of samples in
Decatur at Greer's.

There will be a "tacky" party
given on Mrs. R. L. Thompson's
lawn Friday evening, 8 o'clock, by
the ladies of the Methodist church.
Proceeds go to help the ladies meet
their new church pledge.

The day is never so hot but that
you can cool off at the City Bakery
fountain.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.
L. Thompson on West Walnut street,
the Methodist ladies will give a
"tacky" party tonight, Aug. 29.
Young and old are asked to come.
Nice refreshments served on the lawn.
Admission 10 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson of Frederick,
Okla., have been the guests of Dr.
and Mrs. H. S. Van Cleave.

Misses Chassie Tucker and Willie
Bradshaw are visiting Mrs. J. H.
Mecasky and daughters.

Greenwood received her first bale
of this season's cotton Tuesday. T.
J. Lynch brought the cotton to town
and it was purchased by Jack Rudd
for \$12.55 per hundred, weighing 585.
A premium of \$18.35 was given Mr.
Lynch.

A. D. Turner and wife and daugh-
ter, Miss Avela, of Denton, were
guests of the family of J. D. Holt last
Sunday.

Bob Wilkins of Lewisville, visited
friends here Sunday.

W. W. Jameson of Frisco, visited
his brother, J. L., this week.

Mrs. J. L. Jameson is visiting in
Memphis.

The K. K. K. and O. G. clubs gave
Miss Alma and Ray Christian a sur-
prise party at their home Monday
night. Quite a crowd of young folks
were present, and a pleasant evening
spent.

We still have one dozen of those
big umbrellas at \$1.00. Dickson &
Smith.

Cleve Largent and Walter Knox of
Chico, were here Wednesday.

Mrs. T. E. Shutt of Dallas, is the
guest of Mrs. W. A. Roberts.

B. F. Chesney of Elk City, Okla., is
here visiting his son, Al.

The early bird gets the worm. You
be the early bird and come in early
for a fall and winter suit. Eight hun-
dred fresh new samples to select your
suit from. Come in early and avoid
the rush. We take particular pains
in filling future orders. Order now
and have your suit come later. Dick-
son & Smith.

Rev. Albert Gettys left this week for
Crowel, where he has accepted the pas-
torate of the Baptist church. Albert
is a graduate of Decatur college and
Baylor university. While in school
he displayed considerable talent as an
orator and debater and we are as-
sured he is well equipped to
perform the work for which he has so
carefully prepared himself.

A twenty dollar bill can do wonders
if you put it in the hands of the right
tailors. Dickson & Smith.

Miss Leta Woody of Durant, Okla.,
has been here on a visit to relatives.

New pictures every night at the
Majestic. Go once and see them.

Miss Dorothy Stiles of San Mar-
cos, is the guest of Miss Heath.

For first-class work see Watkins,
painter, paper-hanger.

The Epworth league was delight-
fully entertained by Miss Alma Al-
land at her home on North Trinity
street last Tuesday evening. Deli-
cious refreshments were served and a
very enjoyable evening spent.

Large crowds are attending the Ma-
jestic and they're always pleased with
the entertainment.

Mrs. John Locke and son, of Sher-
man, and Leslie English of Bonham,
are visiting at the home of their sis-
ter, Mrs. W. A. Kerr.

A nice 6-room house, bath room,
hall, porch and sleeping porch, barn
and sheds, windmill, good deep well
of water, storm house, water piped all
over place, house piped for gas.
Will trade the above for farm. We
have for sale one lot on College street
and two on West Main street. Deca-

Program Baptist Fifth Sunday Meeting

To Be Held at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
No. 2, Thursday, Aug. 28th

Thursday, August 28

8:30 p. m. Introductory sermon.....Rev. J. H. Heathington

Friday, August 29

9:00 a. m. Devotional services.

9:30 a. m. The Sunday school and the country church.....Rev. W. W. NeSmith

10:00 a. m. Bible doctrine of prayer.....Rev. P. M. Murphy

11:00 a. m. Preaching.....Rev. M. L. Wallace

2:30 p. m. Devotional services.

3:00 p. m. In what ways may Baptists cooperate with other denominations?.....Rev. G. W. Tyson

3:45 p. m. Women's work. By all present.

8:30 p. m. Preaching.....Rev. W. O. Barnett

Saturday, August 30

9:00 a. m. Devotional services.

9:30 a. m. The education board, Decatur college and the present campaign.....Rev. J. L. Ward

10:15 a. m. How we may know we are led by the Holy Spirit.....Rev. J. A. Matthews

11:00 a. m. Preaching.....Rev. W. J. Porter

2:30 p. m. The missionary work in Wise county and how it can be done.....Rev. J. H. Heathington

3:00 p. m. Our individual and local needs. By all laymen present.

8:30 p. m. Preaching.....Rev. A. N. Pledger

Sunday, August 31

All services arranged by the pastor.

Miss Ada Cates, who has been in
Boulder, Colo., for the summer, will
return home in a few days.

After these long hot days there is
no place as good for rest and recrea-
tion as the Majestic.

Jim Malone has returned from a
trip in southwest Texas, where he
went to purchase cattle for his west
Texas ranch.

Decatur's new banking institution
will open for business about Sept. 15.

Attend the Majestic tonight and to-
morrow night.

E. P. Gibson and family have re-
turned from several weeks' visit to
friends and relatives in Bowie.

Arthur Hoyl, Doc Cartwright, B.
M. Shoemaker and Ellis Plaxco were
in the Fort Worth cattle market this
week.

One-fourth discount on our refriger-
ators. This special offer is good
for ten days. LILLARD & CO.

D. F. Davis and wife spent Sunday
with their son at Bowie.

Ice cold chocolates at the San La
Roy.

Mrs. T. E. Ponder and children, en-
route home in Dallas from spending
several weeks at Boulder, Colo., are
in the city today visiting Mrs. R. M.
Collins.

Don't wag your laundry around;
phone us and we will come and get it
and deliver it to you. Dickson &
Smith.

Mrs. W. H. Carleton of Houston,
is visiting her sister, Mrs. Roy
Heathington.

One-fourth off on all our refriger-
ators. This offer is limited. LIL-
LARD & CO.

Miss Marie Young of Chico, has
this week been the guest of Mrs.
Charles Workman.

We still have bargains in ladies,
slippers. Saunders, Moore & Smith.

John Baits, after a protracted ill-
ness from the dreaded white plague,
died Friday at the home of his par-
ents north of Decatur and was buried
in the city cemetery the day follow-
ing. The deceased was well and favor-
ably known to a great many of our
citizens in Decatur and Wise county.
John was a good, true man, and bore
his sufferings with christian fortitude.
He leaves hundreds of good warm
friends and many relatives who
mourn his death.

See our new line of fall and winter
samples just arrived. All shades and
colors and all prices to suit the pur-
chaser. Suits 15.00 and up. Trousers
4.75 and up. Dickson & Smith.

D. J. Moss left Wednesday morn-
ing for Clayton, N. M., as a dele-
gate from the Wise county associa-
tion of good roads to attend the Col-
orado-to-the-Gulf rally in that thriv-
ing city. Mr. Moss was joined at
Bowie by President Williams of the
state association. Williams and
Moss make a strong team and they
will do some good work for Won-
derful Wise's interests.

A discount of one-fourth on our re-
frigerators is made for the next ten
days. LILLARD & CO.

Major Montgomery of Greenville,
visited homefolks here this week.

John Branch returned this week
from a trip to the Electra oil fields,
where he and Mr. Alderson own some
valuable oil lands.

Phone Independent No. 175 when

E. A. Parr of Loveland, Okla., is
visiting his daughter, Mrs. M. B.
Smith.

Miss Josie Brewer returned Mon-
day to her home in Arlington, after a
visit here.

W. R. Allen of Denton, visited his
sister, Mrs. D. F. Davis, the past
week.

Billie G. Davis of Bowie, is visit-
ing his grandparents, D. F. Davis
and wife.

On Monday last Mrs. F. H. Ellen
and Miss Faxon, assisted by Misses
Perry and Whitig, entertained about
eighteen girl friends to announce the
engagement of Miss Parilee Noblitt
and Jake Miller, the wedding to take
place the 30th of August. During the
game of hearts a letter was delivered
from Cupid, announcing the engage-
ment. Light refreshments were served
at the conclusion of the game.—Dal-
las News.

For Sale.

I offer for sale my seven-room
residence located near the business
center, near both schools and in easy
reach of all the churches. My lot has
200 feet front on, which is a good gar-
den spot, a good barn, servant's
house, hen house and smoke house.
Everything in good repair. For a
bargain, see D. W. FRAZER.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt
gratitude to the many kind friends
who extended aid and sympathy in
our recent bereavement in the last ill-
ness and death of our son and
brother.
MRS. G. E. BAITS, and Children.

Deep and Shallow Diamonds.

In buying a diamond see to it that
your stone is neither too deep nor too
shallow. If it be too deep the "table"
at the top of the stone will have a dead
look instead of showing as much color
and light as at the edge, where the
diamond is cut thin to receive the
light. You are simply paying for ex-
tra weight that adds nothing to, but
rather detracts from the appearance of
the gem. The shallow stone, on the
other hand—which is technically known
as a fish eye—has a glassy look. Some
people buy them because they appear
bigger than they really are, but the
bargain is a poor one and to be avoided.

When Your Liver Goes Wrong

Nearly Everybody Needs a Liver
Stimulant at One Time or
Another.

Nearly everybody now and then is
annoyed with a sluggish, lazy liver
or by constipation or by biliousness.

It is for this reason that Dodson's
Liver Tonic is such a good medicine
to keep always in the house.

Either children or grown-ups can
take Dodson's Liver Tonic without
restriction of habit or diet. It is a
vegetable liquid with a pleasant taste,
but a reliever of constipation and
liver troubles, and entirely takes the
place of calomel.

C. B. Gunn guarantees every bottle
of Dodson's Liver Tonic they sell. It
costs 50 cents per bottle and if you
are not satisfied that it is worth the
money, he will hand your half dollar
back to you with a smile.

Don't be fooled by preparations im-
itating the claims of Dodson's Liver
Tonic. Just remember C. B. Gunn
will give you back your money if
Dodson's Liver Tonic fails you. That
is a guarantee that guarantees.

Get ready for a big rain—it's com-

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It is the safest place to keep your money, im-
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urday afternoon, 1:30 to 5 o'clock, from May
24 to Sept. 24, FREE to all out-of-town vis-
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in the places of business named below. The
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Call for the free tickets at

Red Store, dry goods,	C. C. Jones, dry goods
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Helm, Ward & Dillehay, hardware, groceries, furniture,	
Saunders, Moore & Smith, groceries, dry goods,	
W. L. Dallas, groceries,	City Bakery,
City Drug Store,	Silas orris, blacksmith.
Collins Grocery Co.,	First National Bank,
City National Bank,	Cash Grocery Co.,
W. A. Bunnell Art Co.,	Hugh Greer, dry goods,
Dickson & Smith, tailors,	
Oscar Waters, restaurant,	Nickel Store,
J. L. Valentine, restaurant,	Foster's Wagon Yard,
Wise County Messenger,	Decatur News.
Owens & Bowden, barbers.	

Classified Ads

FOR SALE—Or trade, cheap, 8 acres
land in Decatur. Apply E. T.
BROWN, Decatur, Texas.

\$5.00 reward for breast pin with large
topaz stone set in gold filigree work.
Lost at reunion grounds during the
meeting of 1913. MRS. HENRY
GREATHOUSE.

FOR SALE—26 1-2 shares Lillard
Milling Co. stock. Z. F. LILLARD,
Houston, Texas.

LOST—Blue serge coat; W. L. G. on
inside pocket; lost between town and
reunion grounds, return to this office
MANN.

LOST—On reunion grounds, child's
gold neck chain and ring. Finder
will be rewarded by leaving at this of-
fice.

LOST—Ladies' black velvet purse
with cord attached; small purse inside
with four half dollars in it; either in
Decatur or on road leading to Chico.
Leave at this office.

LOST—Between Decatur and Green-
wood, electric auto horn with name
"Klaxel" on it. Reward. CODY
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A Scientific Achievement.
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.

Boost, brother, boost!

Say a good word for your good town.

Oh, you great big juicy postoffice plum!

Jack Beall appears to be of gubernatorial size.

Good roads and better schools are coming along in Wonderful Wise.

Don't crowd; there is room aplenty on the postmaster election ballot.

That's all buncombe about Colquitt standing for re-election. O. B. is no fool.

Tris Speaker, of Texas, continues at the head of the nation's really great men.

We will concede that Thaw is not "nutty," but he is talking like a very foolish man.

Evelyn Nesbit is getting her share of the notoriety attached to Harry's flight from Matteawan.

When and where did E. M. House board the old ship and take over the management of the commissary department?

Rogers of Wise, is a candidate for congressman-at-large. A. D. is the right size and we're for him all along the line.

"If you can't be a lighthouse, be a candle." In other words, if you can't lead the procession for better roads, jine the ranks and boost along.

Log the route from Decatur to Dallas, via Denton. The Colorado-to-the-Gulf route should run to Denton and Dallas. So say Wise, Montague and Clay.

Pastor Russell, who, many claim, is preaching a strange doctrine, has been invited to speak at the opening of the Tennessee tri-state fair and a big commotion is on among the ministers of Memphis. While the preachers are endeavoring to drive Russell away from the show he is saying nothing and enjoying the "free advertising" coming from the rucous. Advertising has made Russell.

Now, let the citizens who want to see the big annual entertainment at Joe Wheeler park made the most successful enterprise of the kind in this section of the state, rally to the support of Capt. Sellars, and next year's entertainment will be a big, grand show. Don't stand aside and toss cold water on the management and mouth about the conduct of the affair—get in behind Mr. Sellars and boost boost, boost.

When the news got aloft that there was to be an election called to decide the postoffice contest, candidates began to bob up here and there, and up to and including our press hour a good baker's dozen and three are in the running, with one or two wards in the city and some outlying stretches in the country to hear from. The present outlook is most promising for a rip snortin' old time democratic race for the plum. Two or more ladies will be in the contest. And, after all the time, trouble, etc., has been expended and the "fences" fixed for victory, what if Postmaster General Burleson and Congressman John Stephens say the contest shall be between the Burleson choice and the Stephens preference? Can this be "did," is asked hourly while the contest takes on vigor.

Two men are dead or dying, a third is badly hurt and three women seriously crippled as a result of a drunken joy ride in which a roadhouse, wine and beer cut a prominent figure. The first two of the men were married; the third, the owner of the car, was one of these ilk who delight in acting the fool to show how expert they are with the car. A dash into a Midway, a fall of twenty feet into of New York collapsed auto at the state hospital here, which may yet death in the pillows of the foolish was subject to epileptic of negligent convulsion buried her h are a great

much to the pleasure and profit of the country. But in the hands of fools, they are a danger not only to the fools themselves—which wouldn't be so bad—but to everybody in their neighborhood.—Denton Chronicle.

To the hour of going to press there are fifteen avowed candidates for the Decatur postoffice. Messenger's announcement rate is \$2.50 for candidates for postmaster.

Sulzer's friends are out after the scalp of the Tammany chief. What can they hope to accomplish with the punishing power in the hands of the chief?

It is truly a sad sight to see friends of years' standing drift away from an old fellow tottering on the grave's brink. 'Tis bad 'tis true, but old men, nearing the entrance to the country from whence no return passage is given should be true and appreciative of a good friend's worth.

Cole Younger, ex-bandit, has 'fessed up and joined the church at a big revival at Lee's Summit in Missouri. It is said that an old time Abe Mulkey sermon on "Restitution" brought Cole across the dividing line.

INNOCENT RUSTICITY.

The New York World agrees with Col. Watterson that "Not one of the rogues who voted 'impeachment' cares a jill of beans about the 'crimes' and 'misdemeanors' of William Sulzer."

Murphy ordered the impeachment as he would order a beefsteak at Delmonico's; and a servile assembly voted the impeachment with more obsequiousness than a self-respecting French waiter would show to a grand duke.

The impeachment in itself was the startling revelation of the degradation of government that New York has ever known. A sordid, corrupt boss at one end of the telephone wire tells the assembly to impeach the governor of the state, and the assembly responds like a trained dog. The assembly obeyed the tammany boss with the same airy indifference which the gunmen obeyed Becker when they were told to "get" Rosenthal.

At the same time we can find no excuse for Sulzer. Tammany is tammany, and its history for a hundred years has been a history of corruption, venality, degradation and treason to honest government. But a governor is supposed to keep his skirts clear and his hands clean. He is supposed to respect the dignity of his great office and keep himself out of the clutches of political blackmailers. If he violates the law, if he plays fast and loose with his own integrity, if he deceives his supporters and betrays the principles which he pretends to represent, he must take the consequences.

There is a vast amount of sympathy with Sulzer on the ground that he is more of a fool than a knave. There is still greater amount of sympathy that has its origin in the corrupt character of his accusers and the shameless purpose of their prosecution. This sympathy does more credit to the hearts than the minds of those that manifest it.

Sulzer has proved that he is unfit to be governor of New York. He has betrayed the confidence and trust that honest men imposed in him, and that in itself was a form of moral treason.

We are unmoved by Col. Watterson's eloquence over the "innocent rusticity and child-like egotism" which, as he says, "plead for" the governor. A man who has been an active member of tammany hall for a quarter of a century, who has been a tammany office-holder during the greater part of that time, who has served eighteen years in congress and has carried an account in Wall street year after year may have "child-like egotism," but we cannot shed tears over his "innocent rusticity," even when that "innocent rusticity" takes the form of appropriating a campaign fund. That is the kind of "innocent rusticity" that tammany bosses and tammany candidates have displayed ever since tammany discovered that government could be bought and sold.

When William Sulzer by his actions gave the lie to the principles of honesty that he has so blatantly professed, he invited whatever punishment a government by blackmail was

KEEPING PUBLIC ROADS GOOD.

The present year promises to be the greatest in the history of the movement for the improvement and maintenance of public highways in the United States. A joint committee of congress is engaged in an investigation of the feasibility of federal aid in the construction, improvement and maintenance of public highways, and a number of the state legislatures are considering good roads legislation.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of maintenance in connection with the work of improving the roads. The people in nearly all the states are filled with enthusiasm for road improvement and are spending enormous sums of money in the construction of good roads, and yet almost without exception they are making little provision to care for the roads after they are built. This is true not only of the various counties, but under many of our state highway departments.

To maintain the roads in good condition, year after year, requires a considerable annual outlay, but this outlay is infinitely less than the loss which must fall upon people eventually if they allow their roads to go to utter ruin. The thing for all advocates of good roads to do is to urge continuous, systematic maintenance and the setting aside every year of an amount per mile estimated by the engineer in charge to be sufficient for the proper maintenance of the roads, a course which would make for economy and efficiency.—Dawson County News.

THE ENCHANTED LAND.

Oh, everything is sweet and fair
In the place we never have seen!
The flow'rets wild perfume the air,
And there's never a hint of grief and care
In the place we never have seen!

And shall we then arise and go
To the place we never have seen?
Nay, nay! For once arrived, you know,
The glamour fades and the golden glow
Of the place we never have seen!

It's better to live our life afar
From the place we never have seen
With hope for a staff and love for a star,
Let's make the place in which we are
Like the place we never have seen!

—Chicago Inter Ocean.

REFORM IN DRESS.

Who can doubt that mothers are off the job when they allow their young daughters to paint their faces and to wear the sort of clothes we have seen everywhere in the last two or three seasons? To say mothers can't control their daughters is even worse. It's an acknowledgment of disgraceful failure that no grown woman should be obliged to make. We are living today in a pandemonium of powder, a riot of rouge, a moral anarchy of dress. When will women learn that the only "aids to beauty" are absolute cleanliness, proper food, proper exercise, abundant sleep, fresh air and an unselfish character? It is unfortunate that the women of today are not more careful about themselves and the impressions they are making on society by their loudness in dress, their love for cosmetics and indulgence in questionable dances. These are not the qualities that go to make good Christian homes and attract God fearing men. To indulge in the worldliness may attract the giddy and thoughtless, but it will never excite the admiration of decent men who seek wives and the quality that strengthens trust, constancy and fidelity in the true husband.—Rt. Rev. Monsignor O'Hare, New York City.

FROM SHAKESPEARE.

How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is
To have a thankless child!
—King Lear.

Imperious Caesar, dead and turned to clay,
Might stop a hole to keep the wind away.
—Hamlet.

Poor and content is rich and rich enough.—Othello.

Golden lads and girls all must,
As chimney sweepers, come to dust.
—Cymbeline.

Now, good digestion wait on appetite
And health on both!
—Macbeth.

We must take the current when it serves
Or lose our ventures.
—Julius Caesar.

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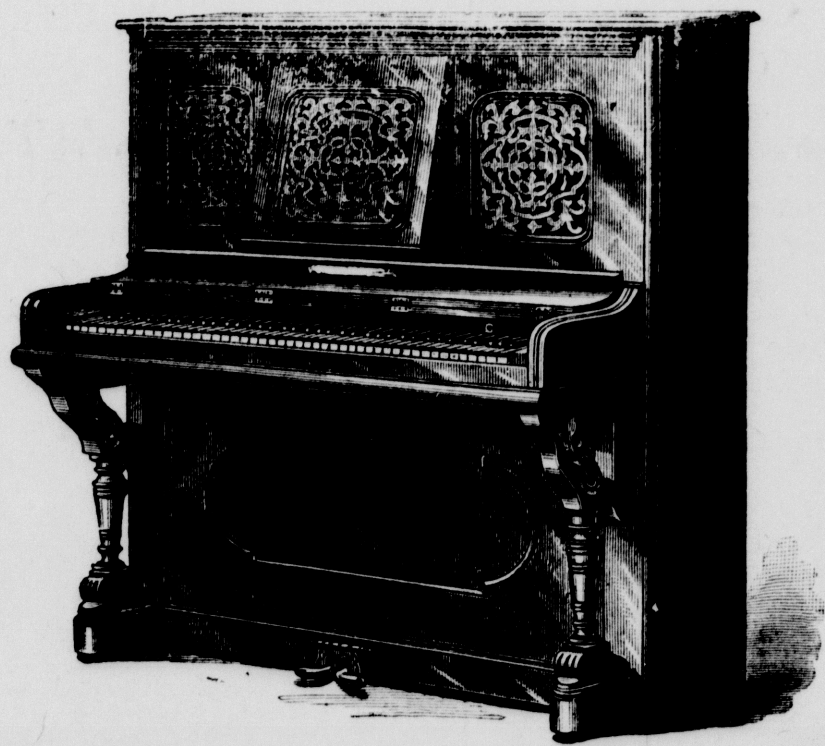
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Announcements.

For Postmaster at Decatur—
MACK BUCKALOO

News of Town and County

County Treasurer Buck Smith and returned Wednesday from an overland trip to Cundiff. Mrs. Smith's health was much improved by the trip.

Let your next pair be Walk-Overs.

Dr. H. A. Boaz, president of Polytechnic college, Fort Worth, will occupy the pulpit at the Methodist tabernacle Sunday morning at 11.

Miss Eugenia Sellars and sister, Mrs. Sorrells, have returned from a week's visit to friends in Bowie.

Tully Fields and wife have returned from a visit to Oklahoma points.

Compare my samples before buying your suit; you can save money here. Greer.

Judge John Gose returned Wednesday from a stay in Tennessee.

Miss Myrtle Smith returned Monday from a visit to Fort Worth.

Most up-to-date line of caps ever received in Decatur at Greer's.

B. T. Barr and wife of Bellevue, are visiting the family of M. B. Smith.

Get you ducking for cotton sacks from Saunders, Moore & Smith.

Quite a number of Decatur's labor union will attend the labor day celebration in Fort Worth Monday.

The Walk-Over shoe is the shoe for you. Go to Greer and get fitted.

W. O. Bailey was in Dallas Wednesday.

C. A. Dozier and family of Dallas, were here yesterday visiting the family of H. D. Heath.

The Lillard Mill is operating its elevator, and is receiving wheat daily, paying on a basis of 85c.

Miss Bessie Key of Big Sandy, was the guest of Miss Heath this week.

Dr. M. D. Fullingim and family of Denton, were visiting relatives here Sunday.

We carry a nice line of ladies' dress goods. Saunders, Moore & Smith.

Mrs. J. V. Prunty and Lady Bess have returned from a stay in Cool Colorado.

Mr. Clarence Moore and Miss Flora Helm were married at the home of the bride in North Fort Worth last Sunday afternoon. Miss Helm is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Helm, former residents of Decatur. She is a popular and charming young lady who has many friends here, who join the Messenger in congratulations.

Don't fail to inspect our new line of shoes. Saunders, Moore & Smith.

The Bowie ball team came to Decatur yesterday afternoon to play the last game of the season with the local nine. The game is being played as we go to press. It will be a hard-fought contest, as Bowie wants revenge for the three straights Decatur won from them on their home grounds.

From Miss Hogg.

To the Patrons of the Decatur Postoffice:—

I have learned that it has been reported that I have withdrawn my name as a candidate for the postmastership of the Decatur postoffice.

Such an act upon my part would be unjust to the friends who have endorsed me and I take this method of informing the public that such report is without foundation.

I have been informed that there will be a primary election for the purpose of selecting a postmaster for this office. My name will be submitted at that election.

I am thankful to those who have encouraged and assisted me, and so their continued support.

Very respectfully,
MAUD HOGG.

Methodist Church.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. sharp.
Rev. A. Boaz, D. D., of Fort Worth will preach at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m. We ought to have the tabernacle full to hear Dr. Boaz. cordially intited.

A. R. NASH, Pastor.

Teachers' Examination.

Teachers' examination will be held at Decatur Thursday, Friday, Sept. 4, 5, 6. All perfects given on Thursday; second grade subjects given on Saturday.
D. J. SIMPSON, Supt.

The Free Saturday Show Appreciated By People.

Some three months ago the Messenger carried around a list and secured sufficient donations to have the Majestic moving picture show run free on Saturday afternoons for the benefit of the country people who come here to trade. The free show was widely advertised over the county, and the Saturday crowds began to increase from the first day. Manager Blythe keeps count of the tickets used in the show each Saturday and states that the attendance of country people at the free show has run from 450 to 650.

This is sufficient proof that the people appreciate the pictures furnished by the Decatur merchants, but the writer has time and again heard expressions of appreciation from those who have taken advantage of the free show. Men, women and children are glad to avail themselves of this interesting diversion, which, besides giving them refreshing recreation for an hour, furnishes a cool place to go and rest.

Considering the very small cost of the free show when divided among several, and further taking notice of the large crowds the show is bringing to Decatur on Saturdays, it would seem very foolish to let the enterprise fall through, yet several business men have dropped from the list of those donating to the fund and giving tickets.

Lets keep the show. The country people deserve every bright spot that can be thrown in their way. The attendance at the shows is increasing every Saturday, which shows that the appreciation of our efforts to entertain are not disregarded.

ALVORD.

Austin Leach is home from Weatherford.

Mrs. Tom Randle is visiting her son and wife at Chillicothe.

Ed Collins and wife are entertaining a new daughter at their home.

Rev. Golden spent several days with relatives and friends here.

Bill Slaton was down from Sunset.

Bert Brite of Sunset, Micham of Burk Burnett and Jim B. Thomas were in the Dallas markets this week.

Hal Sands and wife and Miss Edith Gill went in their auto Wednesday to Burk Burnett to attend the marriage Miss Gladys Sands.

Wallace Reider of Fort Worth is visiting relatives here.

Miss Griffin of Waxahachie is here with relatives.

Clyde Hollabaugh is back from attending a Dallas business college. He will go to Abilene Sept. 1 to take position with Witherspoon & Son.

Mrs. A. G. Gentry and children are visiting in Haskell.

Miss Mamie Griffith will teach at Estellene.

O. L. Thomas, Jr., is here from Paducah.

Shoes to fit every man at Greer's.

PARADISE

Some of the farmers of this locality are picking cotton.

J. Lee Mann was in Fort Worth Monday.

H. C. Richburg and daughter, Miss Ethel, were in Fort Worth Monday.

Mrs. Smith and children, of Chillicothe, are here the guests of relatives.

The Nazarenes are holding protracted meeting here. Rev. Gibbons of Bowie is conducting the services.

Clarence Barnett was in Decatur Saturday.

Joe Stutt spent Saturday in Decatur.

Miss Grace Kelley is spending this week with friends and relatives at Cottondale.

Mrs. J. Z. Carter and little son, Weldon are visiting relatives in Alvord.

Miss Gertrude Kelley has returned home from a visit to Boyd.

Harold and Carl Read, Bonnie Howard and Floyd Coal have returned from a fishing expedition on the Brazos.

Cleveland Klepper has returned from Oklahoma.

Henry Coffee is back from Fort Worth, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Allen Burress is home from Oklahoma.

Henry Bridges was here from Decatur Sunday.

A well known Des Moines woman after suffering miserably for two days from bowel complaint, was cured by one dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by all druggists.

Notice.

I wish to say to the public that I am prepared to weigh cotton on East Walnut street south of the brick gin.
J. M. TRUSSELL.

Twenty Years Ago

August 26, 1893.—School will open in the Sildell college Sept. 4.

There is much interest being taken in the camp meeting now in progress at Bethel.

Married in the hall of the court house on Wednesday, August 23, Mr. I. N. McBride and Mrs. M. F. Collins, by Rev. Jas. Hickey.

Mr. A. J. Clendenen played a clever trick upon his Decatur friends this week. He went to Cleburne, upon business as all supposed, and returned Wednesday morning bringing with him a beautiful blushing young lady whom he presented to his friends as, "My Wife."

Frequent showers falling now.

Will A. Miller returned Tuesday from a business trip to Louisville, Ky.

Miss Lou Billingsly and S. T. Billingsly of Savannah, Ga., are visiting their sister, Mrs. C. W. Collom.

A new school house with a Masonic hall above is being erected at Anneville.

Mrs. J. L. Vastine left Tuesday for St. Louis to purchase millinery.

Masters Tommie and Walter Vastine have gone to Sunset on a visit.

There is considerable complaint at Rhome on account of the bugs eating the leaves of cotton.

J. Ullman is off for Chicago to be gone until the cotton season opens.

J. K. Gilliland has returned from Waco where he took a commercial course.

The cotton crop about Chico is the finest that has ever been known.

A Texas Wonder

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give a dinner over Dallas' grocery next Monday.

Card of Thanks.

We, the undersigned, wish to extend our thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness at the death of our dear father, brother and uncle.

OSCAR L. MILLER,
MRS. E. B. McMURRY,
MRS. S. E. PAXTON,
MR. AND MRS. T. C. BRIDGES.

SLEEPING CARS IN AFRICA.

They Are Not Too Clean and the Conductor Makes the Beds.

Describing railroad travel in South Africa, E. W. Howe in his Monthly says:

"Soon after the train conductor looked at our tickets he proceeded to lug two huge bags of bed clothing into our compartment and make up two beds. We paid \$1.20 for the use of the bed clothing two nights; the charge would have been the same for one night. So that we will have a large compartment to ourselves two nights and a day and pay only \$1.20 above the regular fare. The beds were comfortable, though somewhat narrow, but we slept as well, I imagine, as people usually do on a sleeping car. On our door and on our window were placards announcing that the compartment was reserved, and we were not disturbed during the journey. When this reservation placard is not displayed any one has a right to a seat or bed in a compartment that is not full.

"The South African sleeping cars are not at all bad, except that the train conductor has so much to do that he cannot keep them as clean as they should be. The conductor did not polish my shoes at night, but I knew he was very busy and overlooked his neglect.

"I wish the haughty conductors of American passenger trains could see our conductor with his coat off, making up beds. I wish they could also see our tickets, which cover nearly 3,000 miles of travel and read from Durban to Victoria Falls and back to Beira. I am unable to understand them, but the conductors have no difficulty.

"On one or two trains we have been on there was a man who helped the conductor, but on at least two crowded trains on which we traveled the conductor has had no help whatever in making up the beds; the most curious thing I have ever noted in railroad travel. There is a guard on the train, who is what we call a brakeman, but he does not assist the conductor in the chamber work. When these conductors are taking the tickets they are as haughty as are American conductors, but when they begin lugging in sheets and pillows and mattresses they are as humble as the most timid traveler could wish."

Give us your laundry and we will give you guaranteed satisfaction. Dickson & Smith.

Build Homes

The demand for houses was never greater in the history of Decatur, and with the growing improvement of the times and conditions the present year will witness an unprecedented boom in building.

Cicero Smith Lumber Company

with the largest and most complete stock of building material in this county will give you close figures.

Yard -- On West Walnut Street

TRUE MEASURE OF CIVILIZATION.

I warn my countrymen that the great recent progress made in city life is not a full measure of our civilization, for our civilization rests at bottom on the wholesomeness, the attractiveness and the completeness, as well as the prosperity of life in the country. The men and women on the farms stand for what is fundamentally best and most needed in our American life. Upon the development of country life rests ultimately our ability, by methods requiring the highest intelligence, to continue to feed and clothe the hungry nation; to supply the city with fresh blood, clean bodies and clear brains that can endure the terrific strain of modern life. We need the development of men in the open country who will be in the future as in the past the stay and strength of the nation. Theodore Roosevelt.

New Art Squares--Rugs

We are now receiving our fall stock of Art Squares and Rugs. We bought heavily of these from the mills last spring, and ask you to come in and see our stock before buying.

HELM, WARD & DILLEHAY

Partial List of Lands Recently Bought and Sold by J. M. Scott & S. M. Gose

Grantor	Grantee	No. Acres	Consideration
J. F. Williams.....	J. F. Day.....	1160.....	\$69,600
J. F. Williams.....	Gus Thorell.....	224.....	13,440
Gus Thorell.....	J. F. Williams.....	342.....	14,866
J. K. Winston.....	J. C. Skaggs.....	207.....	6,180
J. C. Skaggs.....	G. R. Hogue.....	241.....	12,050
G. R. Hogue.....	W. H. Chambers.....	94.....	5,600
C. C. Butcher.....	S. M. Gose.....	203.....	8,000
S. M. Gose.....	J. L. Jones.....	203.....	8,547
J. J. Perkins.....	Wm. Stanley.....	255.....	10,200
W. W. Williams.....	W. S. Alderson.....	291.....	7,638
—, —, Goodger.....	J. W. Clinton.....	185.....	4,162
R. E. Bluett.....	W. S. Alderson.....	215.....	7,425
W. L. Smith.....	Alderson & Branch.....	178.....	8,900
W. A. Shawn.....	J. C. Skaggs.....	200.....	8,000
S. M. Gose.....	J. F. Thurmond.....	172.....	5,463
J. F. Williams.....	R. J. Wilson.....	262.....	12,400
F. M. Kerry.....	S. M. Gose.....	627.....	10,569
S. M. Gose.....	G. W. Porter.....	339.....	13,560
S. M. Gose.....	Logan & VanMeter.....	581.....	20,335
S. M. Gose.....	C. S. Glazenes.....	90.....	3,000

If you want to sell your land or buy a bargain, come to see us. This list will give you an idea of what we are doing

J. M. SCOTT & S. M. GOS

THE BUCCANEERS

By F. A. MITCHELL

Some 200 years ago piracy was much in vogue on the ocean. The buccaneers of that day arose in this way: The English and the Spaniards were at war, and the English fitted out privateers to prey on the Spanish ships bearing treasure from Spain's Mexico possessions. When the war closed the privateers continued their depredations illegally under the flag of the skull and bones instead of the cross of St. George. After awhile the attention of the British navy was directed to eradicating them, but it proved a slow process and had not been entirely achieved at the beginning of the last century.

One afternoon the English merchant ship Petrel, Captain Stoughton, sailing down the east coast of Mexico, passed a corvet also bearing the British flag and was asked if she had seen anything of a low cut, rakish vessel. Captain Stoughton replied that he had not and passed on. An hour later, coming to the mouth of the Rio Grande, he saw the waters not being as well lighted as those days ago, he concluded to run in a short distance and anchor till morning.

Now, when the Petrel entered the river, the low cut, rakish vessel mentioned was lying a trifle farther up the river. Captain Stoughton brought his glass to bear on her and didn't like her looks. But it was nearly dark when he discovered her, and he did not dare attempt to regain the ocean in the darkness.

Nevertheless as soon as the anchor had been dropped he called his first officer into his cabin, told him that he suspected the craft he had seen to be a pirate and directed him to take a boat and six men, go northward, find the corvet and report the vessel's presence in the mouth of the river.

Meanwhile the captain of the pirate lay low during the night, intending as soon as daybreak to make a prize of the Petrel, put the crew and every one else on board to the sword and loot her. Captain Stoughton, knowing that if the vessel near him was what he suspected this would be the result, awaited the dawn with great anxiety, hoping his messenger would bring the corvet.

But when light came a heavy fog came with it. This brought disappointment to the pirate captain, as well as to Stoughton, though the latter was not certain whether it would be a disadvantage or an advantage to him. It certainly brought delay, and delay meant suspense. Before break of day he awoke all on board and, telling them of his suspicions, directed each and every one of them not to make the slightest noise, even to speak in whispers. There were women and children on board, and the dread was so great that the order was obeyed. The children were shut in the cabins where they would not be heard.

Half an hour after daybreak the sound of oars was heard. They must be either from the pirate or the boat sent to the corvet. That they were from the pirate was soon evident from a volley of oaths spoken by the captain who was in command of the boat and in search of the Petrel. The women all went to the cabins to make sure that if a child made a sound it should be muffled, while the men stood in a group on deck armed with such weapons as the ship afforded, that they might sell their lives as dearly as possible.

The pirate commander had noted the direction of the Petrel and steered by compass. In his yawl were twenty men armed to the teeth. They passed the Petrel some 500 yards astern and, reaching the shore, turned and this time passed under her stern 100 feet away. Every man on the Petrel's deck stood mute, listening to the orders in the boat, which they could hear as plainly as if spoken on the Petrel's deck. Every man thanked heaven for the density of the fog and prayed that it might not lighten. The women in the cabin heard almost as plainly as the men, and every child too young to understand the danger was covered with blankets.

The boat passed without detecting the ship, and it was fortunate that it missed by so narrow a margin, for when it turned again it went a hundred yards too far above. Captain Stoughton felt temporarily relieved, but every moment dreaded that the fog would lift and the ship's presence be detected. But as the sounds from the boat receded he felt that the evil was at least deferred.

When the fog passed it was blown out to sea, first exposing the pirate boat, next the Petrel. When the boat's crew saw the ship they gave a blood-curdling yell and pulled for her. But suddenly they ceased rowing. As the fog passed out it revealed the corvet nearer the Petrel than were the pirates.

That was the last of the latter. Being upstream, there was no escape from the man-of-war. Panic stricken, their captain was for a time unable to unite them in an effort to get away. Some insisted on pulling in one direction, some in another. The corvet quickly lowered three boats, each containing as many men as the pirate yawl. Before the pirate leader could tell his men to obey him these boats were in the water and making for him. In his haste he ran aground, and the corvet's boats made for him. The pirate was captured. They, with the

SOUTHERN COLLEGES GOOD.

Entrance Standards, Faculties and Equipment of Highest Order.

Washington.—Southern colleges since 1900 have made a remarkable advancement not only in entrance requirements, but in libraries, laboratories, buildings and equipment, according to a statement of the bureau of education. Miss Elizabeth Avery Coulton, secretary of the Southern Association of Colored Women, who reported on conditions, declared that in 1900 only three southern colleges had standard requirements for entrance, while this year 160 institutions had adopted such standards.

Miss Coulton attributed the improvement to various philanthropic organizations which co-operated to better the educational system in the south. With the betterment in entrance requirements, she declared, had come a decided increase also in the amount of college work represented by the degree, while in the personnel of the faculties marked improvements were shown.

NO HOLIDAY FOR GOV. CRUCE.

Finds Convicts Pardoned and Contracts Signed in His Absence.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—"I will never leave the state again as long as I am governor," declared Governor Lee Cruce who, upon being informed of the action of Lieutenant Governor McAlester in granting pardons to four prisoners and signing school bonds to which the governor was opposed, rushed post haste back to the capital. "I have canceled all engagements I have out of the state, including the governor's conference at Denver, and shall make no others henceforth. I intend to stay strictly on the job."

Lieutenant Governor McAlester, who is perhaps seventy-five years old, is in the race for governor at the next election.

Among the prisoners the acting governor pardoned was B. H. Updike, a nephew of former Governor Haskell, sentenced to life imprisonment for murder.

LIVES IN FOREST IN ADAM'S GARB.

Boston Artist Makes Woods Furnish Food and Shelter.

Boston, Mass.—Joseph Knowles, a Boston artist, is in the middle of an experiment to prove that he can live in the Maine forests, twenty miles from a settlement, just as did prehistoric man. He discarded all clothing, made the woodland furnish his food and shelter and defends himself from animals or other foes only with the aid of his bare hands or with such weapons as he may fashion with them.

For two months he will make his home in the depths of the virgin forest that surrounds Big Sencer lake. Twice a week he goes to the borders of the forest to leave communications, in scribbled on birch bark, for his friends.

Knowles is forty-four years of age, has never married and has always lived a life of adventure. He is one of the few white men who have mastered the art of making fire by rubbing sticks. The accomplishment, he says, is all that is needed for a life in the open by a man of his robust health.

LIFTS TUG OUT OF SEA.

Defiance Endangered by Eighty Foot Whale, Captain Smith Says.

Baltimore.—Captain L. M. Smith of the sea going tug Defiance reported that when between Cape Henry and False cape, off the Virginia coast, an eighty foot whale lifted the tug, which dropped with a plunge and a terrific roll. Mate Rose had difficulty in tending the vessel.

Immediately afterward the whale arose alongside and sent forth a stream of water which deluged the Defiance. It followed the tug about a half mile.

At one time the whale lifted itself almost two-thirds out of the water, he said. The captain, who is an old tar, says it was the largest whale he has ever seen.

WOMAN. A LAND AGENT.

Mrs. Calkin's Political Activity in California Rewarded.

San Francisco.—With the affixing of President Wilson's signature, Mrs. Grace Calkin of Sonoma, Cal., will receive a \$1,500 Democratic plum and at the same time become the first woman land agent in the United States.

Mrs. Calkin, who was an active member of the women's committee of the Democratic state central committee during the last presidential campaign, has received word from Washington that the appointment has been confirmed by the senate.

The position which she will receive is held at present by John J. Dean, and the official title is receiver of the United States land office.

Seventy-year-old Convict Back in Jail.

Mobile, Ala.—William Kennedy, seventy years old, the convict who escaped from the Wetumpka penitentiary, was captured after two weeks of freedom in Calhoun county near his old home. Kennedy was serving a sentence for impudency in the

SATURDAY NIGHT SERMONS

BY REV. SAMUEL W. PURVIS, D.D.

THE MARK OF CAIN.

Text: "Thou shalt do no murder."—(R. V.) EX. XX, 13.

Of all God's creations the most mysterious and the most valuable is life. We cannot imitate even its lowest forms. We paint the rose showing its form and color, but we cannot imitate the rose's life. The Almighty seems to have carefully kept this secret so that we may always recognize that he is its direct source, the life giver. Our scientific men have long since reached the conclusion that life never springs of itself from dead matter, that it comes into being only from the touch of pre-existing life. Yet life is bountiful. The earth teems with it, rising grade upon grade until it reaches the highest life on earth—that of man. Through all these forms of life we see a strange law; life is sustained by death, it lives upon itself. Vegetable lives upon vegetable, the trees of the forest enrich the soil they grow in by falling leaves and decaying branches. Vegetation gives food to the animals, cattle browse on the grass of the meadows covered with minute life. Animals feed on animals, fish upon fish, birds upon insects, while the carnivorous animals prey upon the weak. All vegetable and animal life minister to life of man. Vegetarian he may be, but the air he breathes, the water he drinks and the vegetables he eats swarm with life infinitesimal.

What is Forbidden?

The commandment does not forbid the killing of animals for food. Millions of cattle, lambs and doves were killed every year for the Mosaic sacrifice. Christ himself ate the passover lamb. The commandment does not forbid the taking of life in self defense. Right after these ten commandments were given God himself lays down the ordinance that if a thief were killed while breaking in it was pardonable for the slayer. It does not forbid capital punishment. God himself set the death penalty upon violation of some commandments. And "Whoso sheddeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed." What the commandment does forbid is the wanton, intentional taking of human life under wrong motives and circumstances. "Thou shalt do no murder," killing with hatred in the heart or carelessly assenting to that which brings about human death, is what is forbidden. Human life ought to be more sacred with higher civilization. In 1844, in the Fiji islands, you could buy a man for a musket. Seven dollars was a big price if one wanted to kill another. Today you couldn't buy a man for seven millions. What is the difference? A thousand Christian chapels tell the story.

A National Pre-eminence.

We may be behind the rest of the world in music, sculpture and painting, but when it comes to murder we may boast of our pre-eminence. Our land is red with the blood of the homicide. My state, the keystone of the arch, has the distinction of 365 murders, one for every day in the year. In rate the south leads. In the last decade of thirty American cities the first eight are in the south. One city year before last had 624 per 100,000. I account for this by the fact that one-third of the male population carry concealed deadly weapons because of a false standard of personal honor and possibly because of a larger proportion of negro inhabitants. The revolver in sleeve and hip pocket is common custom. The danger is national. Firearms are exhibited alluringly in pawn shop and hardware store windows. Every magazine has "ads" with their virtues extolled. The deadly revolver exhibit ought to go. Druggists would not be allowed to exhibit poisons and empoison on their deadly dealing qualities. Then our easy going courts are to blame. It is practically impossible to convict a woman, especially one young and pretty. One Kentucky court fined a woman \$300 for killing her husband. Possibly that was too severe. If you kill a man in our republic it's a three to one shot you will never be brought to trial, ten to one that you will never see penitentiary, eighty to one that you will not pay the death penalty. Meanwhile, statistics show, you yourself have more likelihood of being murdered than being killed in a railroad accident.

Muffled Weapons.

There is many a murder committed where you do not see the gleam of the knife, hear report of revolver or find dregs in bottom of poisoned cup. One hundred and thirteen thousand infants under one year are destroyed annually by infectious diseases and improper feeding—both preventable. Ninety thousand Americans are killed each year by various forms of violence—at least one-half of them preventable. Dealers adulterate food, devitalizing the system, making death easy. The plumber does careless work; typhoid and diphtheria kill the victims. The builder puts the wooden beam too near the fire and fire gets its quota. Diseased meat and poisoned whisky have an interconnection with sweat shops, bargain counters and cut prices. The underpaid, overdriven in factory and steel work are mowed down before their time. The locked door, netted window and dimly fire escape claim their annual harvest. The auto race and the airship meet provide a bloody holiday for the crowd. Drunken husbands

murder and murder by slayer

Heard In Decatur.

How Bad Backs Have Been Made Strong—Kidney Pills Corrected.

All over Decatur you hear it. Doan's Kidney Pills are keeping up the good work. Decatur people are telling about it—telling of bad backs made sound again. You can believe the testimony of your own townspeople. They tell it for the benefit of you who are suffering. If your back aches, if you feel lame, sore and miserable, if the kidneys act too frequently, or passages are painful, scanty and off color, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that has helped so many of your friends and neighbors. Follow this Decatur citizens advice and give Doan's a chance to do the same for you.

J. F. Ross, S. Main St., Decatur, Texas, says: "I had to get up several times at night and I suffered from pains in my sides and across the small of my back. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills highly recommended in the local papers, so I got a supply and began using them. The first box made me feel better and several boxes cured me. The cure has been lasting."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50c. Foster-Milburn Company, Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

A Precaution.

Husband (going to his rich uncle's funeral)—Put a couple of large handkerchiefs into my pocket, dear. The old gentleman promised to leave me \$10,000, and I shall want to shed some appropriate tears.

Wife—But suppose when the will is read you find he hasn't left you anything?

Husband—In that case you had better put in three.—London Fun.

Paint and Not

Paint was never before so high as last year; about \$2.25 a gallon. Devoe and a half-dollar less for trash.

What is trash? It looks like paint and pretends to be paint, but it isn't worth painting. It costs a painter's day's work to put on a gallon of paint, good or bad; and a painter's day's work is \$3 or \$4.

Add that to the price of a gallon. That is the cost of a gallon. Devoe is \$5 or \$6 a gallon; and trash a half dollar less.

But Devoe is all paint and more too; you add oil to it; a gallon is five or six quarts of perfect paint for the painter's pot. But trash is three-quarters, two-thirds or half paint; you pay a half-dollar less for nobody knows what it is.

10 gallons Devoe is enough for the average job; it takes 15 to 20 gallons of trash. And the wear same way. Unfortunately they look alike when first put on. DEVOE FULLINGIM & FORD sell it.

Another Illusion.

"Had an interview with a farmer just now," said the poet, "which gave me quite a shock."

"How was that?" "He told me that new mown hay had no points of superiority whatever over hay a year old."—Pittsburgh Post.

A Proof.

"Does Emily dote so on that young man of hers?"

"Does she? At this moment she is changing her brown hair to golden because he likes blonds best."

"Oh, I see." She positively dyed, for him.—Baltimore American

Colds

should be "nipped in the bud", for if allowed to run unchecked, serious results may follow. Numerous cases of consumption, pneumonia, and other fatal diseases, can be traced back to a cold. At the first sign of a cold, protect yourself by thoroughly cleansing your system with a few doses of

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

the old reliable, vegetable liver powder.

Mr. Chas. A. Ragland, of Madison Heights, Va., says: "I have been using Thedford's Black-Draught for stomach troubles, indigestion, and colds, and find it to be the very best medicine I ever used. It makes an old man feel like a young one." Insist on Thedford's, the original and genuine. E-67

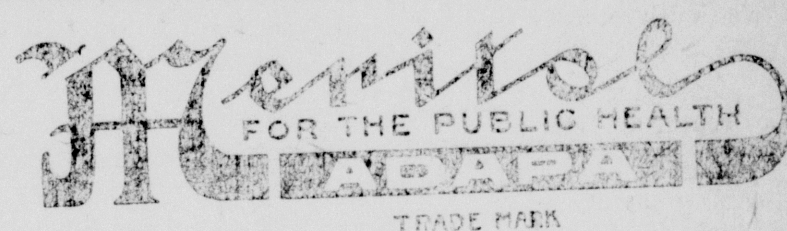
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We have joined this association because we believe in the "MERI-OL" Remedies; because we know there is nothing better. We have the exclusive agency for DECATUR. We invite you to call and see this splendid line.

The Corner Drug Store,

C. B. GUNN, Proprietor

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Wise County—Greeting:

J. R. Gann, guardian of the estate of Emma Gann et al, minors. J. R. Gann, guardian, having filed in our county court his final account of the condition of the estate of the said Emma Gann et al, numbered 983 on the probate docket of Wise county, together with an application to be discharged from said guardianship. You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper printed in the county of Wise, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on or before the October term, 1913, of said county court, commencing and to be holden at the court house of said county, in the city of Decatur, on the 6th day of October, 1913, when said account and application will be acted upon by said court.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in the city of Decatur, this 6th day of August, 1913. J. P. WILLIAMS, Clerk County Court, Wise County. (9-5)

For summer diarrhoea in children always give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and castor oil, and a speedy cure is certain. For sale by all druggists.

A Queer Offer.

Cook—And sez I, "I think I'll find another job."

Friend—What did the missis say to that?

Cook—She sez, "Bedad an' O'll give you \$25 when yez lave if yez don't go."

—Brooklyn Life.

The Choice of a Husband

is too important a matter for a woman to handicapped by weakness, bad blood or foul breath. Avoid these kill-hopes by taking Dr. King's Life Pills. New strength, fine complexion, pure breath, cheerful spirits—things that win men follow their use. Easy, safe, sure. 25 cents at Fellingim & Ford's.

One Thing Sure.

Everything comes to him who waits. He'll even get the earth when he dies.—Chicago News.

Constipation is the starting point for many serious diseases. To be healthy keep the bowels active and regular. Herbine will remove all accumulations in the bowels and put the system in prime condition. Price 50c. Sold by MAN & SIMMONS.

Taking No Chances.

"A man never loses anything by politeness," said the Old Fogey. "I know a lot of men who never intend to," added the Grouch.—Cincinnati Inquirer.

The Clock.

She—I dearly love to listen to the ticking of a clock. It seems to me that a clock has a language of its own. He—Well, scarcely a language—say a dialect.

It Can Be Relied Upon.

The American Drug and Press Association authorizes its members to guarantee absolutely Meritol Hair Tonic. It has no equal. It is a wonderful remedy. A trial will convince

Citation by Publication.

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H. P. Hawkins, administrator, of the estate of C. A. Bartholemew, having filed in our county court his final account of the condition of the estate of said Bartholemew, numbered 1229 on the probate docket of Wise county, together with an application to be discharged from said administration. You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper printed in the county of Wise, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on or before the October term, 1913, of said county court, commencing and to be holden at the court house of said county, in the city of Decatur, on the 6th day of October, 1913, when said account and application will be acted upon by said court.

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THE FARMER'S FIRST AID IN SICKNESS.

WHEN there is sickness or an accident on the farm, haste in calling the doctor is vital.

Life may rest on minutes—Don't wait until sickness occurs, and THEN wish you had a telephone. Order it NOW from our nearest manager, or write THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CO.

DALLAS.



MANUEL PAWNS FATHER'S JEWELS

Pension and Income Fail to
Supply His Needs.

FIANCEE IS WEALTHY.

Fortune to Be Recouped When He
Marries Princess Victoria Augustina
of Hohenzollern—Deposed King Now
Living Near London With Mother.

London.—Pawnbrokers in the neighborhood of Richmond, the historic little town on the Thames where Manuel, former king of Portugal, is now making his home with his mother, Queen Amelia, have been in temporary possession for the last few months of many very beautiful pieces of jewelry and some very valuable unset gems. One diamond cross with a huge sapphire in the center which now lies in the safe of a certain pawnbroker in Richmond is said to be one of the most valuable and gorgeous decorations worn by Manuel's father.

Considerable wonder is expressed that the young man who once occupied the Portuguese throne should be in such hard straits, for Portugal allows him \$3,300 a month. He is extravagant, however, and his mother is understood not to be very practical. When Manuel marries Princess Victoria Augustina of Hohenzollern in a few weeks his fortunes will be recouped, as his future bride is quite wealthy. King Alfonso during his recent visit to London had a heart to heart talk with Manuel. He told the young man that if the royal party ever succeeded in putting him back in power in Portugal it would be his duty to play the man and not the coward, to quit going about with a bodyguard and, in fact, regain the confidence of his people by demonstrating that he was all a king and no longer a boy.



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MANUEL AND HIS FIANCEE, PRINCESS VICTORIA AUGUSTINE

played by whims and theatrical stars such as Gaby Deslys and constantly in terror of his life.

Alfonso added with characteristic fatalism and intrepidity: "A king must not only rule his people, but must make them feel he is willing to lead them and share their troubles and their dangers. We kings are instruments in the hands of fate and must serve our destiny in the best and most manly fashion we can, no matter what fate is in store for us."

Continental monarchs do not approve in toto of the public introduction in England of the former Portuguese royal family as "King Manuel and Queen Amelia." The German emperor in particular has been much puzzled lately as to how to treat the approaching marriage of the royal exile with a German princess. He does not want to antagonize the present Portuguese government, and at the same time there is no reason why he should not maintain friendly relations with Manuel, who is related to more than one of the royal families of Europe and whose chance of one day ascending the Portuguese throne is no means poor.

The kaiser has solved the difficulty by saying that Prince Elitel Friedrich attend the wedding as a special invited guest, but not as the official representative of the reigning Hohenzollern family, thus straddling the line in the most approved diplomatic manner for the presence of the German emperor will give the necessary sanction after all.

Eighteen Years Without Pay.
Ind.—J. Stewart, sixty
who for eighteen years
a clerk in a cigar store here
y, died recently. Though
cess to the cash drawer,
tions to take any amount
he always contented him-
ing 15 cents three times a
his meals and an occa-
with which to buy cloth-

MILLIONS FROM "VICES."

Record Breaking Drinking, Smoking
and Card Playing Taxes.

Washington.—The wealth of gold, silver and paper money filling the vaults of the federal treasury is due in no small measure to the record breaking drinking, smoking and card playing of the American people during the fiscal year 1913. Details of the sources of the \$344,424,453 collected in internal revenue taxes during the year ended on June 30—the greatest in the history of the country—were disclosed in a report to Secretary McAdoo by William H. Osborne, commissioner of internal revenue.

The 143,220,000 gallons of whisky and brandy consumed during the year brought in \$157,542,000; the 65,246,000 barrels of beer, porter and ales, \$65,246,000; the 14,276,771,000 cigarettes, \$17,846,000; the 7,699,038,000 cigars, \$23,097,000; the chewing and smoking of 404,363,000 pounds of tobacco, \$32,342,000; taxes on 33,209,000 pounds of snuff, \$2,637,000, and the sale of 32,764,155 packs of playing cards, an increase of 1,552,475 over the previous year, brought \$655,283.

The aggregate number of saloons in the country this year was 194,590, a decrease, despite the increased consumption of intoxicants, of 21,554 as compared with the fiscal year 1912. Wholesale liquor dealers numbered 6,452, a decrease of 600 within a year.

Total internal revenue receipts of 1913 exceeded the previous high record of 1911 by \$21,898,000 and the collections of 1912 by \$22,809,000. To collect the enormous sum it cost the government \$5,483,000.

ESCAPE FROM NEW JAIL.

Boys Use a Saw and Leave a Friendly
Note For the Sheriff.

Macon, Mo.—Robert Zoll, twenty-two years old, and Alvin Mueller, nineteen, awaiting trial for robbing a preacher's residence, saved through the steel wall of their cell at night and escaped to the woods.

A sheriff's posse surrounded and explored the woods, but did not find the fugitives. Zoll had made a written confession. In the morning this note was found in the vacant cell.

Dear Sheriff Holvey—Best regards to you and your family. As we intend to lead an honest, upright life we decided that it would be necessary to get away from evil associates in jail. Your friends, BOB AND ALVIN.

The Macon jail is a new \$22,000 structure and was supposed to be absolutely proof against escape.

OHIO ORGANIST IS VIGOROUS AT 127.

Has Smoked and Used Liquor
For Many Years Past.

Massillon, O.—Members of St. Barbara's Roman Catholic church at West Brookfield, a hamlet west of here, have begun preparations to celebrate next December the one hundred and twenty-eighth birthday anniversary of Francis Xavier Firestein, parish organist, one time parish schoolmaster, scholar and savant.

For years Mr. Firestein has lived in the town, known to be more than 100 years of age by every man, woman and child, loved by everybody, but jealously guarding information regarding his life from all but a very few intimate friends.

Mr. Firestein lives alone in a little cottage in the rear of St. Barbara's church. Gardens and fields stretch away on all sides, while his door yard is bordered with bright, sweet scented flowers. Inside are shelves of books in the seven different languages he speaks, a little cabinet organ with a row of bronzed pipes bristling from its top, comfortable chairs, a table and the equipment of a well ordered home. Mr. Firestein raises vegetables, but bread and coffee are his almost exclusive diet, and he thrives upon it, as his healthy looking but wrinkled skin and slightly stooped but active figure testify.

Mr. Firestein has drunk wine as long as he can remember, and that is on the other side of year 1800, when as a boy he went to school in Vienna, Austria, where his father was a noted physician.

SUCK POISON; SAVE GIRLS.

Women Draw Virus From Wounds of
Children Bitten by Dog.

Rochester, N. Y.—Elsie Parish, writer of verse for children, and Mrs. Willing Sterling of Pittsford took heroic measures to save the lives of two little girls that had been bitten by a dog that was suffering from rabies.

They applied their lips to the wounds on the little ones and drew much of the virus from the flesh, but apparently took part of the poison into their own systems. They became so ill that Dr. C. C. Comfort telegraphed to Cornell university for hydrophobia serum. It is believed that all four will recover, but Dr. Comfort will take no chances and will have them all inoculated.

Burn Watchdog With Acid.

Middletown, N. Y.—When negroes attempted to rob the henhouses of W. F. Popple at Monroe they were frightened away by an Irish terrier belonging to Henry Wellington Wack. The dog's paws have now been ruined with virulent acid. A big reward has been offered for the conviction of the guilty.

CANAL TO BE USED NEXT DECEMBER

Final Completion Expected
Jan. 1, 1915, However.

DREDGES IN CULEBRA CUT.

Steam Shovels Displaced by Thirty-
four Modern Appliances With a
Monthly Excavating Capacity of
1,500,000 Cubic Yards.

Washington.—All reports from the Panama canal zone indicate that Colonel George W. Goethals will be ready to allow shallow draft ships to pass through the canal by next December. This has been the understanding ever since Colonel Goethals testified before the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce in December, 1911, but he and his associates do not expect the canal to be ready for the navies of the world until Jan. 1, 1915. No official time has been fixed for the actual opening, but that is the date when Colonel Goethals expects to complete the work.

Dredges are to replace steam shovels in the excavation of the Culebra Cut. The thirty-four steam shovels used in



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COLONEL GOETHALS.

the cut handle only 800,000 cubic yards of earth and rock per month, which output will be greatly reduced as the depth of the cut increases and the available room for shoveling is reduced. Colonel Goethals has now assembled fifteen dredges, with a monthly capacity of 1,500,000 cubic yards, and these will be floated into the cut as soon as the dike is destroyed.

Meanwhile, not content with digging away at the base of the cliffs, the engineers, in their haste to open up the waterway, have begun to tear away the top of the hills with great jets of water under high pressure, sluicing the earth into the bed of the canal, whence it is being swept up by pneumatic dredges and pumps and discharged into ravines and valleys so far away that it can never wash back.

The status of the canal work, according to the understanding among officials here, on the basis of the reports from the isthmus, is as follows:

June 27, 1913.—The last gate of Gatun spillway was closed, and since that time Gatun lake has been steadily rising through the impounding of water from the Chagres river and other streams, draining 1,320 square miles of territory.

Oct. 1, 1913.—The water in Gatun lake is expected to reach seventy-one feet above sea level.

Oct. 10, 1913.—The great Gamboa dike, which keeps the water of Gatun lake from flowing into Culebra cut during dredging operations, is to be blown up with dynamite and water admitted into the cut. The top of this dike is 78.2 feet above sea level.

Dec. 1, 1913.—The level of the water in Gatun lake and Culebra cut is expected to reach its final limit of eighty-five feet above sea level.

December, 1913.—Vessels drawing probably twenty to twenty-five feet of water may be put through the canal, while giant dredges will be completing the deepening of the submerged channel through Culebra cut.

Jan. 1, 1915.—The canal will be ready for ships of the navies of the world to pass through both sets of locks, and vessels will be able to use the canal to its full depth, going in opposite directions at the same time.

INVENTS TIPPING SYSTEM.

Opens Bank Account For Waitress.

Deposits Follow Good Service.

St. Louis.—Lee Moser, a banker, has convinced himself that he has worked out the ideal tipping system.

Mr. Moser, who is young and good looking, thought he was so well taken care of by a young woman who waited on him in his favorite lunch room that he obtained her name and went to the savings department of a trust company and opened a dollar account in her name. He kept patronizing the cafe, and none but the girl with the savings account could wait on him.

He never affronts her with a tip, but when he feels that the service is especially good a deposit goes to the credit of the waitress.

TO A CROW.
Bold, amiable, eben outlow,
grave and wise,
For many a good green year
then 'hast withstood.
By dangerous, planted field and
haunted wood,
All the devices of thine enemies,
Gleaning thy grudged bread with
watchful eye
And self relying soul! Come ill
or good,
Blithe days, thou see'st, thou
feathered Robin Hood!
Thou mak'st a jest of farm land
boundaries.
Take all thou may'st and never
count it crime
To rob the greatest robber of the
earth,
Weak visioned, dull, self landing
man, whose worth
is in his own esteem. Bide thou
thy time
Thou know'st far more of na-
ture's lore than he,
And her wide lap shall still pro-
vide for thee.
—Robert Burns Wilson.



Sugar Hunger

Children seldom get
enough sugar with their
meals.

It is as wholesome a
body building food for
them as milk and bread—and
as necessary to the growth as
sunlight and fresh air.



Try This Boston Brown Bread
One cup Farmer Jones Syrup, one cup sour milk,
one cup flour, two cups corn meal, one teaspoonful
soda, one teaspoonful salt. Steam three hours and
then bake twenty minutes.
FREE—Farmer Jones Recipe Book on request.

Farmer Jones Syrup is practically a food and supplies this deficiency as no other sugar product can.

Give the children Farmer Jones on their breakfast food—let them spread it on their bread at supper time. They won't need any urging to eat and will get real benefit besides.

Farmer Jones Syrup is made from the pure, sweet juices of our own Sorghum, so rich in healthful sugars and contains nothing that can possibly injure a child of tenderest age.

Packed in 5 and 10 pound friction-top tins—easy to open—easy to close up again. We include cane syrup with an addition of corn syrup to prevent fermentation.

Ask Your Grocer
If he shouldn't happen to have it—he'll get it.

Send Us 5c
in stamps to pay postage and we will forward you a sample can of FARMER JONES SYRUP and Recipe Book—see above.

FT. SCOTT
SORGHUM SYRUP
COMPANY
FT. Scott, Kansas

Packers of "Ma Honey Bee" honey.

ALL WOMEN

Who suffer with the ailments of their sex are in need of the great
strengthening, cleansing and regulating properties of

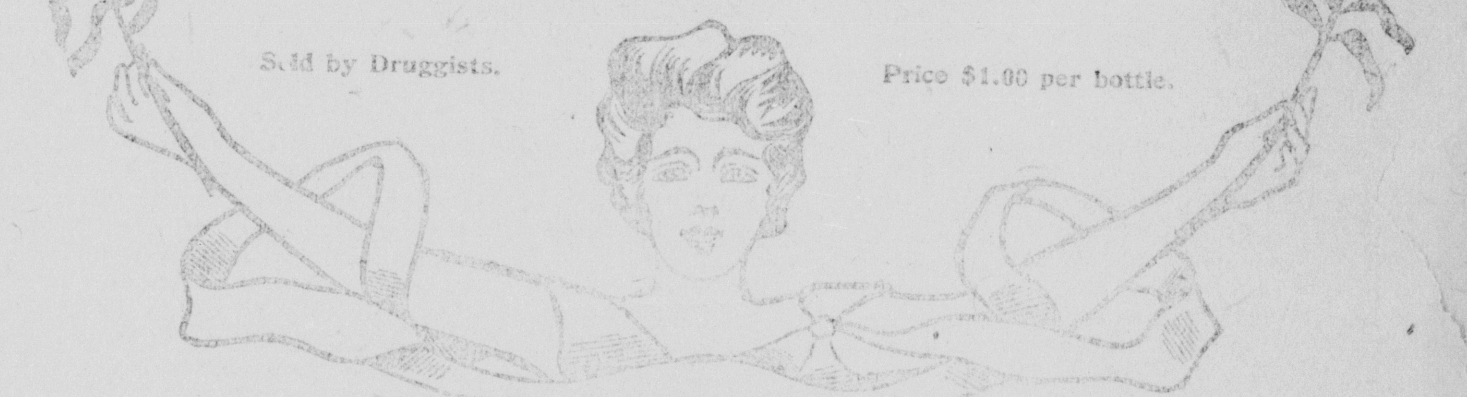
PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It puts the liver, stomach and bowels in fine healthy condition,
builds up the nervous system, strengthens the body, clears the complexion and changes a poor, tired, discouraged woman into one of sparkling good health and cheerfulness.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label.

Sold by Druggists.

Price \$1.00 per bottle.



For Sale by C. B. Gunn

DR. BOURQUE
SPECIALIST
Nerve, Blood, and Skin Diseases
Blood Troubles, Blood Poison and Skin Diseases
I positively cure Catarrhs of the Mouth, Swollen and copper colored spots, patches and sores in the mouth, swollen or softening of the gums, tumors and ulcers of the throat, hemorrhoids, Catarrh, pains in the legs, chronic ulcers or tumors anywhere readily disappear. I will cure you for life and leave no hereditary taint on your posterity. Every vestige of poison eradicated from the system.
VARICOCELE—STRICTURE—CURED IN 5 DAYS
Impaired circulation or obstructions. Call on or write me and I will convince the most skeptical that Varicocele, Stricture and also Hydrocele can be cured in five days, and in a larger majority of cases, in one treatment, pain ceases, swelling subsides or obstructions removed, circulation is rapidly re-established, the cure is permanent, this I guarantee, and cured to your satisfaction.
Young, Middle-Aged and Old Men
"Run-down," "Self-wrecked," nervous and debilitated men, you may be lacking in the power of manhood. If so, I will restore to you the snap, vim and vigor of vitality, the loss of which may be the result of indigestion, excesses and unwholesome eating.
KIDNEY, BLADDER, URINARY AND PROSTATE TROUBLES
Cure in 5 Days. Newly Contracted and Chronic Cases Cured. All Diseases, Fevers and Inflammations Stopped in 24 Hours, and all Catarrhs, Chronic Disorders of Men and Women Successfully Treated. Piles and Fistula Cured in Five Days.
CALL OR WRITE—No detention from business. Treatment and advice confidential. Hours 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. Sunday 9 to 1. If you can not call, fill out the following coupon:
DR. BOURQUE, 103 W. 6th St., Ft. Worth, Texas
Corner Main and 6th Streets, (2nd Floor)
I cannot call, so send me Question Chart and your medical book on diseases of men, as I desire to describe my case to you for the purpose of taking treatment. If I decide you can cure me and your charge is low enough to suit and if we can mutually arrange terms and methods of taking treatment, with the understanding that consultation, examination and advice is free.
Name _____
Address _____
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The Innocent Joys of Youth.
"Gracious, Fanny!" exclaimed a mother to her little daughter. "Why are you shouting like that? Why can't you be quiet like your brother?"
"He's got to be quiet," replied Fanny. "He's playing papa coming home late."
"And who are you playing?"
"Oh, I'm playing you!"—Harper's Weekly

Seemed to Give Him a New Stomach
"I suffered intensely after eating and no medicine or treatment I tried seemed to do any good," writes H. M. Young, editor of The Sun, Lake View, Ohio. "The first few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets gave me surprising relief and the second bottle seemed to give me a new stomach and perfectly good health." For sale by all druggists.

"Which do you like best," said Meandering Mike, "de city or country?"
"Well," answered Pleading Pete, "de closeness together of de houses in town makes it convenient. But I likes de country because dere's just walkin' enough to give you an appetite between handouts."—Washington Star.

Cuts and bruises may be healed in about one third the time required by the usual treatment by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. It is an antiseptic and causes such injuries to heal without maturation. This liniment also relieves soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains. For sale by all druggists.

"Do you not rejoice on the days when your husband comes home with his salary?"
"Not at all," answered Mrs. Stingy-bub. "It simply means that I must resolve myself into a collection agency for the butcher, the grocer and the landlord."—Kansas City Journal.

If your child is pale and sickly, picks at the nose, starts in the sleep and grinds the teeth while sleeping, it is a sure sign of worms. A remedy for these parasites will be found in White's Cream Vermifuge. It not only clears out the worms, but it restores health and cheerfulness. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by MAN & SIMMONS.

Veruvis.
After every eruption of Veruvis the crater is covered with a gleaming white layer of common salt.

Sallow complexion comes from bilious impurities in the blood and the fault lies with the liver and bowels—they are torpid. The medicine that gives results in such cases is Herbine. It is a fine liver stimulant and bowel regulator. Price 50c. Sold by MAN & SIMMONS.

Sheriff's Sale.
The State of Texas, County of Wise. By virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Parker county, Tex., on the 14th day of June 1913, by J. J. Stoker, district clerk of said county, against M. A. Jones, J. P. Jones, Charles Green and Frank Green, David Green and Mary Green, Mina Green, Maud Green, Clarence Green, Sallie Grant and William Grant, Minnie Cooper and Joe Cooper, Willie Tull and James Tull, said M. A. Jones, being formerly M. A. Green, wife of J. G. Green, for the sum of nine hundred fifty eight dollars and twenty one cents (\$958.21) and costs of suit in cause No. 4812 in said county, styled J. D. Doughty vs. M. A. Jones et al., and placed in my hands for service, I, Sam Faith, sheriff of Wise county, did on the 26th day of June, 1913, levy upon certain real estate situated in Wise county, described as follows, to-wit: The following described tracts of land, situated in Wise county, Texas, on the waters of Garrett creek, being part of Mary Brown survey, beginning at the southeast corner of said Brown survey, thence north 68 1/2 vrs. by E. B. Line of the same, thence west 78 1/2 stake for corner, thence south 10 east 69 1/2 vrs. a stake in south boundary line of said survey, thence east with said S. B. line to the beginning, also fifteen acres out of said Brown survey beginning at northwest corner of above described tract thence north 320 vrs. to the corner, thence east 40 S. 600 vrs., thence west 470 vrs. to the beginning, and levied upon as the property of said M. A. Jones, J. P. Jones, Charles Green, Frank Green, David Green, Mary Green, Mina Green, Maud Green, Clarence Green, Sallie Grant, William Grant, Minnie Cooper, Joe Cooper, Willie Tull and James Tull, said M. A. Jones being formerly M. A. Green, wife of J. G. Green, and on Tuesday, the second day of September, 1913, at the court house door of Wise county in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. I will sell said lands at public vendue for cash to the highest bidder as the property of M. A. Jones, J. P. Jones, Charles Green, Frank Green, David Green, Mary Green, Mina Green, Maud Green, Clarence Green, Sallie Grant, William Grant, Minnie Cooper, Joe Cooper, Willie Tull and James Tull, said M. A. Jones being formerly M. A. Green, wife of J. G. Green, and on Tuesday, the second day of September, 1913, at the court house door of Wise county in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. I will sell said lands at public vendue for cash to the highest bidder as the property of M. A. Jones, J. P. Jones, Charles Green, Frank Green, David Green, Mary Green, Mina Green, Maud Green, Clarence Green, Sallie Grant, William Grant, Minnie Cooper, Joe Cooper, Willie Tull and James Tull, said M. A. Jones being formerly M. A. Green, wife of J. G. Green, by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, and in compliance with law I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks, immediately preceding said day of sale in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand this 26th day of June, 1913. SAM FAITH, Sheriff, Wise County, Texas.

Attend the Major

FOR SALE—Re
Coach horse fo
JNO. RECTO

OLD FORT COLTON

Now New York's Famous Aquarium at the Battery.

ONCE NAMED CASTLE GARDEN.

The Historic Building In Its Day Has Heard the Eloquence of Daniel Webster, the Fiery Oratory of Kossuth and the Divine Voice of Jenny Lind.

Before New York's famous old building at the Battery became the Aquarium it had changed from fort to reception hall, from chief amusement place of the city to gateway of the promised land. Long before it became the home of the funny tribe the building resounded with shouts for Lafayette, Andrew Jackson, Tyler, Van Buren. It heard the eloquence of Daniel Webster, the fiery oratory of Louis Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, and the divine voice of Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale.

When the building was new it stood on a little island separated from the mainland by some 200 feet of water, and was reached by crossing a draw bridge. A great part of Battery park was then water, and it was the filling in of this stretch that made the aquarium a part of the mainland. The reason for building it on an island away from the main shore was disclosed in a government order to Colonel Jonathan Williams, who had charge of the construction of the proposed fort. This order said to construct the fortification so that the guns could be trained on both the North and East rivers.

"A foundation should be made around the bastion of the old Battery, where the flagstaff is placed, extending forty or fifty feet from the present, and upon this foundation a battery should be constructed in such manner that the run on the right will take in the North river, while that upon the left will range along the coastline of the old Battery."

Such were the orders the government gave Colonel Williams. But Colonel Williams said it was impossible for guns to command the entrance to the North and East rivers if they were placed at the old Battery. Two hundred feet out from the shore was the least distance at which that result could be accomplished, and some time afterward the secretary of war authorized the colonel's plan for the fort's construction.

In 1822, eleven years after its erection, when the military headquarters was transferred to Governor's island, the federal authorities ceded Fort Colton—as the present aquarium was then called—back to the city. Throughout the war of 1812 not one shot had been fired at an enemy from this fort, nor has one been fired since. The embrasures for the thirty and thirty-two pounders that were never used against an enemy can still be seen in the nine foot outer wall.

It was then that the former fort became a place of amusement and received the name of Castle Garden, a name which it retained for three quarters of a century. Two years after the shifting of soldiers to Governor's island and Castle Garden was the scene of a great reception given to General Lafayette when he visited America in 1824. It was also the scene of a great memorial service when he died ten years later.

It was there that Samuel F. B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph, first demonstrated the possibility of controlling an electric current in 1835. During those early years, too, it was the scene of the receptions given to American presidents when they visited New York. Jackson, Tyler and Van Buren were received there, and later on the Prince of Wales. There also many great political meetings were held. Some of Daniel Webster's greatest orations were delivered there.

Castle Garden was widely proclaimed as the first real home of opera in America. The great auditorium, now occupied by fish, ordinary and extraordinary, was then packed nightly with people who gathered to hear those famous artists of the middle nineteenth century: Malibran, Sontag, Mario, Grisi, the members of Julien's orchestra and—best known of all—Jenny Lind, whom all the theatergoing public of the United States and Europe worshipped. The first night in 1850 that the Swedish Nightingale appeared in Castle Garden, under the management of P. T. Barnum, the choice seats sold for several hundred dollars. Her tremendous popularity was made even greater when she gave to local charities the \$10,000 which composed her share of the box office receipts.

The next year Louis Kossuth, the famous Hungarian patriot, came from England to the United States and made an address to a vast and enthusiastic throng in Castle Garden.

This was one of the last great receptions held in the historic old building. Four years later it was converted into an immigrant station for the port of New York and from then until 1890, when the immigration office was removed to Ellis island, it served as the gateway through which 8,000,000 of people entered to work out their destinies in the new world. In 1890 it became the aquarium.—New York Sun.

The Far Horizon.

Little Arthur, taking part in a geography examination, should be awarded his definition of "horizon" as follows:

"In the sky and in his 'ere the sky and 'ere the sky don't."—Worcester.

It is divine.

BARGAINS IN TITLES.

Plenty of Foreign Countries Where You May Find Them.

Although foreign countries do not openly advertise their readiness to do business with those who aspire to add a handle to their names, the fact is generally recognized that a considerable traffic in titles is carried on.

The tiny republic of San Marino, which does a roaring trade in titles of nobility at fixed rates, devotes a great part of the profits to the maintenance of its foundling and orphan asylum. It will make you and all your heirs or only your male heirs, if such is your desire, a duke for \$5,000 or an earl for \$3,750.

An idea of the traffic done in titles may be gathered from the fact that a German firm trading in Sweden sends out a circular marked "Private and confidential" offering to secure any orders and decorations required.

The orders of St. George vary in price in different countries. In Sicily it costs \$375 and in Bavaria more than twice as much, but you may become a Knight of Montenegro for as little as \$75.

The king of Greece does rather a prosperous business with the Order of the Redeemer, which can be had for \$250, while Serbia bestows the Order of Takova for a like sum. The Prince of Monaco has for disposal the Order of the Star, for which he asks \$175, and for \$50 less one can secure the Order of the Sun of Nasr-oddin from the shah of Persia.

Although titles cannot be bartered in England, it is, of course, an open secret that a generous contribution to political funds often paves the way to a place in the peerage. Apropos of this, it is interesting to note the fact that Franz Kossuth, the son of the famous patriot, charged the Hungarian government with receiving no less than \$1,450,000 by selling baronet titles.

Another phase of this traffic in titles is revealed by carefully worded advertisements which have appeared in London papers from time to time, offering for sale the titles of impoverished noble families of France. It is not so long ago since three titles, two of which were French—one a count and the other a marquis respectively—and one of an Austrian prince, were put up for sale in London, the prices ranging from \$200,000 to \$500,000.—London Stray Stories.

Impossible.

An automobile manufacturer tells of a bright young man in his employ who came to him not long ago for a raise in pay. He was a valuable workman, but he was already getting what his employer considered a fair salary.

"How much do you expect and what do you want it for?" he asked. "You have no family responsibilities and should be able to save money on what you are getting now."

"That's the point," said the young man with a smile. "I am engaged to a girl. I only want enough so that I can get married and live comfortably."

"Great Scott, man!" cried the boss. "There ain't no such salary. I'll give you enough to get married on, but that's as far as I can go."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Douglas' Saying About Vermont.

Stephen A. Douglas, who was born at Brandon, Vt., originated the oft quoted saying, "Vermont is a good state to emigrate from."

This double edged saying, which contains a compliment and a knock, is a good example of Douglas' humor which always had in it a peculiarly Vermont quality. It is said that Douglas' actual words were these: "Vermont is a good state to be born in, a good state to be educated in and a good state to emigrate from." This made the remark more of a "knock" than it is in its usual and more summary form. But when Douglas uttered it the audience of Vermonters received it with roars of laughter.—New York Mail.

Scathing.

A husband who invariably spent his evenings at the club was somewhat overcome with remorse one evening which he happened to spend in his wife's presence.

"Do you know, my dear," he said affectionately, "I never get tired of looking at that photograph of yours."

"Why don't you have it framed and hung up in the club?" she inquired, without raising her eyes from her book.—Lippincott's.

Rather Fatty.

"This article says oleomargarine is made of beef fat."

"Yes, and the person who eats lots of it will be fat."

"Well, if beef fat makes a person be fat that is nothing to beef at."—Houseton Post.

Couldn't Help Himself.

She—Mr. Brown does not pay his wife much attention. He—No; the only time I ever knew of his going out with her was once when the gas exploded.—Pick Me Up.

Between Friends.

Nan—Did you notice how dreadfully that piano needed tuning? Fan—Why, no, dear; I thought it harmonized perfectly with your voice.—Chicago Tribune.

Easy Prey.

"I'd like to see the woman who could make a fool of me." "Very well. Just glance at the next good looking one you meet."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Who demands justice must administer justice.—German Proverb.

MAGIC OF HOUDIN

He Scared the Algerians and Conquered the Nation.

A LITTLE BLACK BOX DID IT.

By the Aid of a Magnet and a Current of Electricity He Struck Terror to the Hearts of the Arabs and Took All the Desire For Fight Out of Them.

"These are great times," exclaimed the Electrician to his friend the Old Fogey. "With machine guns and other instruments of war we certainly are going some in the fighting game."

"Yes," agreed the Old Fogey as he adjusted his glasses, "but do you know that before such things were dreamed of an entire nation was conquered with a magnet and a little black box?"

And the Electrician confessed, "No!" "You have heard, no doubt," the Old Fogey rambled on, "of the marvelous inventions of Robert Houdin, the great French conjurer, a man who did great things with electricity when Alexander Graham Bell was an infant."

"Houdin applied electricity to many of his magical experiments and delighted the Parisian public for years in his little theater. When he retired he was the most favored performer of his day and had bowed to the plaudits of royalty."

"Heard all about that," snapped the Electrician. "What about the black box?"

"Coming to that, boy; coming to that. Houdin retired to his family estate on the left banks of the River Loire near St. Gervaise, hoping to end his days in peace. But after a year or so there came to him through a military friend a request from the French government that he go to Algiers."

"In his memoirs, translated into English some years before his death, he says that the Marabouts of that country, a sort of medicine men and wonder working priests, controlled the masses and incited them to intermittent revolts against the French by their tricks. These tricks, he assures us, were of the simplest and most primitive type."

"It was the hope of the French government that Houdin by his mysteries could demonstrate that the white conqueror's magic was superior. And Houdin did it."

"With the little black box and the magnet?"

"Yes. His recital of his performance in Algiers is exceedingly interesting. Some of the most distinguished natives were there. Houdin showed them all sorts of things; allowed himself to be shot at and caught the bullet unharmed and many other such feats."

"But his piece de resistance undoubtedly was his box. He called for a strong man to come on the stage, and a giant responded. Houdin toyed with him for a moment, bantered with him about his strength and asked him if he could lift his little black box. Disdainfully the Arab lifted it and smiled."

"But Houdin warned him: 'Wait. But a moment, and you shall be as a little child.' He placed the box on the stage over the magnet and dared his huge guest to raise it. The Arab tried with one finger; grasped it with his great muscular hand; tugged at it with all the strength of his massive arms, bracing his legs like two huge bronze columns, so Houdin says, to no avail. Try as he would, this son of the desert could not stir that little box from its place."

"For a breathing spell he released his grip for a moment, then went at it again as Houdin gave a signal to have the current turned off. And while the awe-stricken audience panted in amazement he suddenly writhed in acutest agony and sank groveling to the stage. The current coursing through him had galvanized him into misery."

"Then Houdin gave a signal, the current from the electro magnet beneath the stage was turned off, and the Arab fell back groaning. He lifted himself to his feet and, hiding his face in his cloak, crept away to blush unseen. The little black box had conquered."

"And?"—inquired the Electrician.

"And," replied the Old Fogey, "Houdin was triumphant. The country had seen him shot at by a man who said he wished to kill; had seen him rob a giant of his strength. No Marabout with primitive tricks could convince them that any revolt of theirs could prevail against the white man and his magic—his electricity. The conqueror's conquest was complete."—Popular Electricity.

Thought He Was on the Phone.

"Then, Minnie, you are going to get another physician instead of the old health inspector?"

"Yes; he is too absentminded. Recently as he examined me with the stethoscope he suddenly called out, 'Hello! Who is it?'"—Flying Blade.

Not Lost.

Mother—Oh, Willie, you naughty boy, you have been fighting again and lost two of your teeth! Willie—No, I ain't mother; they are in my pocket.—London Answers.

She Might Be Right.

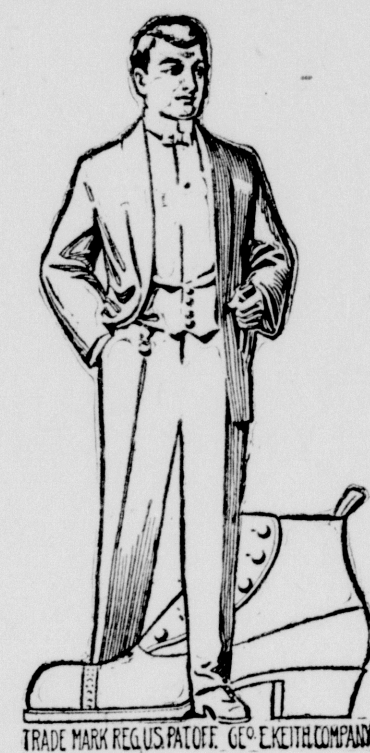
In the opinion of the average wife her husband ought to do more of his economizing away from home.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The grand essentials of life are something to do, something to love and something to hope for.—Thomas Chalmers.

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This store is prepared to give you Better Values For your Money than ever before.

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Hugh Greer

The Oil Game An Odd One

A few Sunday nights ago a gentleman filled the Methodist pulpit at this place; the next morning he and a "lot job agent" began selling lots, "the fairest oil proposition ever put before the public."

After a long questioning I found the following: They have a half section of land in Oklahoma; they put half of this on the market and thereby get the remaining half developed for themselves at the expense of the public, so there is 50 per cent of it to the company the first pass; the next day they sell lots 20 ft. square, which is not half large enough to set a machine on, and put 15 per cent of this in the developing fund and the other 85 per cent goes to the "expense" fund; now figure a little further; 15 per cent of 1-2 is 7 1-2; in other words for every \$100 put into this company the investor gets \$7.50 expended in his own interest. The sale of this 1-4 section amounts to a little more than \$174,000, \$26,000 of which goes to developing, while the other \$148,000 goes for "expenses." It is strange how men will buy an "imported product" from strangers without ever figuring at it; when they will not only not buy of a home company, but will knock on an honest home enterprise where they have free access to their books daily, if desired. The Wise County Oil & Gas Co. have a practical certainty, not an absolute or positive certainty, but a practical certainty of oil, being now in a proven field with a good acreage and a well nigh completion, in a locality where there is not a dry well in the whole neighborhood; and yet a man here in

our county has sold Wise County stock at 50 cents on the dollar and invested in this "imported lot proposition."

A word to our stockholders; men hold; and hold to the last; I can see absolutely no reason why we should not get oil this time; stay with the company; the company will stay with you—the chances are that in less than thirty days this stock will be off the market or out of reach of the ordinary man; hold your stock; show a good nerve; do not shoot up a white flag at the moment of victory; be loyal to the company; we are doing all we can to bring in the stuff, and we feel confident that at long-est it will be but a short time until we can furnish you the desired news that we have it, and have it in great quantities. Hold your stock and buy more if you can find it. H. W. BARTON.

Buy it now. Now is the time to buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. This remedy has no superior. For sale by all druggists.

FAITH.

Does the way seem dark, my brother? Can you see no ray of light? Do malicious foes surround you Day by day, and e'en at night?

Have those you prized most dearly failed you When your day was dark as night? Has your path been steep and cross strewn Whilst fighting bravely for the right?

Courage, brother! Do not falter, Though your heart be crushed and rent, For, as there's power above us, Truth will triumph in the end! —Lillian Nelding Drees.



The Tramp

Why tramp around looking for a fall suit or overcoat when you can walk right into our store and pick out the finest piece of goods you ever saw and have a suit made to measure—a suit that we'll guarantee to fit you. We'll put you on the right track.

DICKSON & SMITH

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The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Wise County—Greeting:

J. J. Campbell guardian of the estate of Willie Campbell, a minor, having filed in our county court his final account of the condition of the estate of said Willie Campbell, numbered 1175 on the probate docket of Wise county, together with his resignation and application to be discharged from said guardianship.

You are hereby commanded, by publication of this writ for two days in the Wise County Messenger a newspaper printed in the county of Wise, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account final settlement of said estate, to appear and contest the same if they proper so to do, on or before the 10th day of October 1913, of said county court commencing and to be held in court house of said county, in of Decatur on the 6th day of 1913, when said account and petition will be acted upon by said court.

Given under my hand of said court, at my office in of Decatur, this, July 25, 1913. WILLIAMS Clerk, County of Wise County.

See our new line of fall samples just arrived. All colors and all prices to chaser. Suits 15.00 and 4.75 and up. Dickson &